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THE ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF THE EVANGELICAL CHURCH

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

To the Annual Meeting of the Executive Committee of the Board of Missions of the Evangelical Church:

With deep gratitude to God for daily mercies and strength equal to the task of another year and my sincere appreciation of the courtesies and comradeships of my fellow workers I humbly submit this report.

The circumstances which environ this report cannot fail to give each of us serious concern. It is not an hour to be faced with shallow optimism nor with hopeless pessimism. The problems encompassed in a thoughtful approach to missions and world situations should give all followers of Christ serious concern. It is well to recognize that these problems however manifested are the product not of an hour but of years. There has been a loss of the sense of God and without God life is heartless, mechanistic; no help nor resources of power for the struggles involved. Love disappears from life when God is excluded. There has also been a loss of the sense of human values; of the sense and importance of the old-fashioned virtues of integrity, honesty, sincerity. With these have gone uncertainty about the Bible as the Word of God and the preeminence of Jesus Christ as Redeemer, Saviour and Lord. It is our unqualified conviction that missions is the only hope for the world and the church of Jesus Christ the only agency providing that hope. Missions has the messenger, the message, the method, the ministry for personal, national, international needs which are now challenging us in a disillusioned, terrorized world. This report designedly detours any general discussion of national and international events and trends. Their relation to the missions of the Evangelical Church are an illuminative part of the reports of the missions from the several fields abroad.

Our Departed Comrades

This year death has collected a heavy toll from the ranks of those who have been in the inner circle of our missionary comradeship. Bishop M. T. Maze and J. F. Dunlap; Missionaries C. W. Guinter and Mrs. Betty McBride, wife of Dr. Ira E. McBride, Superintendent of our African Mission; Mrs. E. C. Basom and Rev. W. J. Zimmerman of our administrative staff have entered perfect service in the triumphant church.

The health of our staff generally has been good. Notable exceptions to this were the serious illnesses of Supts. Talbott and McBride both of whom, according to latest reports, have fully recovered. Rev. Karl Kuglin, Mrs. J. J. Armold and Mrs. A. J. Faust of our staff in Africa and Mrs. C. B. Wahl of our China staff have been ill during the year.

Changes In Staff

Dr. Susan Bauernfeind after forty years plus of uninterrupted service in Japan is on leave of absence. Rev. W. J. Deckinger of the same field is on leave of absence and now serving an appointment in the Kansas Conference. Miss Irene Anderson is on furlough. Our China staff has been depleted by the extended furlough of Dr. and Mrs. W. P. Ulmer, the furloughs of Rev. and Mrs. F. W. Brandauer, furloughs of Rev. and Mrs. Gerald R. Zimmer and Miss Martha Wolf, R. N. Rev. and Mrs. Woodrow A. Bartges of the Central Pennsylvania Conference have been newly appointed to China and it is hoped that passports may be secured for them so that with a similar grant by the U. S. passport division they may accompany the Brandauers to China on October 31st, 1941. The Board of Missions have on file the resignation of Dr. and Mrs. Ulmer from the staff in China. After a prolonged period of service by Dr. Ulmer as medical missionary and Mrs. Ulmer as an evangelistic missionary related to the educational program of the China Mission, they have now decided that Dr. Ulmer will begin private practice. Furloughs are due from the Evangelical Mission in the Sudan Africa for Rev. and Mrs. J. J. Armold and Rev. and Mrs. Karl Kuglin. Because of difficulties of transportation the Armolds have not been able to sail from Lagos at the time of writing this report. For purposes of study the Kuglins have, with Dr. Barnden's approval, remained at the Sudan United Mission at Vom. Rev. and Mrs. R. E. Plowman, missionary under appointment to Africa, are expected to leave for that mission the beginning of 1942 after Rev. Plowman's having completed a course in African medicine at the National Bible Institute in New York.

The illness of Rev. G. Busacca of the Kenosha Mission has given serious concern. The congregation during this illness has had faithful supply service especially by Rev. Plowman.

In Kentucky mountain mission the vacancies created by the resignation of Rev. G. F. Burgett has been filled by the appointment of Rev. F. C. Durdle of the Oregon-Washington Conference; that of Miss Grimm by Miss Velma Squires; that of Anna Cook by the appointment of Miss Lillian Bayles; that of Joyce Plaxton by Wilma Carty, a graduate of our own school at Beverly and of Western Union College. Leave of absence was granted Miss Leta N. King, and Miss Anna K. Stein, R. N., of Tavistock, Ontario, was appointed to this vacancy.

Administrative Advances

During the year steps were taken to make effective the action of the Board of Mission of Le Mars, Iowa, in October, 1940, providing A PLAN FOR SINGLE LADY MISSIONARY RETIREMENT. The instructon of the Board with reference to the fund has been carried out. The committee consisting of Mr. Edwin Heina, Dr. C. Heinmiller and the Executive Secretary-Treasurer have organized the records and a number of our lady missionaries have entered the plan. It would seem advisable for the Executive Committee to take some steps by which delayed entrance might be avoided.

The "Plan for Aid" *IN ESTABLISHING OR DEVELOPING NEW MISSIONS IN THE NORTH AMERICAN CONFERENCES* has been incorporated and grants voted in the amount of $6,000.00 to Oakland Avenue Church, Minneapolis, Minn., and $5,000.00 to Wauwatosa of the Wisconsin Conference on each of which $2,000.00 have been advanced according to the terms agreed upon. A grant has also been made to the Juniata Park Church of the Atlantic Conference for $6,000.00. Requests for aid from Peoria, Ill., Cleveland Hill, Buffalo, Hereford Mission, Detroit, and University Heights Church, Cleveland, Ohio, are now under consideration. Cooperative consideration between the Board of Missions and the Board of Church Extension in surveys of fields where grants have been approved and loans contemplated, in joint surveys by the representatives of both Boards is in process.

Suffering and Relief

Pursuant to the action of the Board our office, in cooperation with committees to which was assigned the information and appeal growing out of a suffering world has with the cooperation of the church press kept the denomination informed. We have been identified with the Interdenominational activities of the Federal Council of the Church of Christ in America, the Foreign Missions Council of North America and the International Missionary Council. The receipts for the year for relief were $10,184.26 and the total receipts for relief $25,371.40. We have carried through the direction of the Board with respect to the distribution of these gifts wherever designations were made. Undesignated funds were distributed between the denominational activities for relief in China, the Church Committee for China Relief and Orphaned Missions.

Cooperative Christian Fellowship

In this hour of tragic tension the growing conviction that the Church is the only dynamic to hold the world together has given a new unity in the development of the ecumenical sense of world fellowship, illustrating the fact "that by Him all things are held

together". Two striking illustrations during the year emphasize this fact. First, a joint meeting of the Federal Council of the churches of Christ in America, the Foreign Missions Conference of North America, The Home Missions Council and Council of Women for Home Missions, the United Stewardship Council and the Missionary Educational Movement. Side by side a meeting at Riverside, Calif., and Atlantic City, N. J., between a Good Will Commission representing the Protestant Church of Japan and representatives of the International Missionary Council, the Foreign Missions Council and the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America. This joint meeting came at the solicitation of the National Christian Council of Japan, its representation numbered leaders in the new movement of church union in that country; was financed by the Christian forces of that country in the amount of Yen 70,000, not a sen of which came from the government. It is interesting to note that at the former meeting the movement for the union of the Home Missions Council and the Council of Women for Home Missions was consummated. In view of our relation to these interdenominational agencies, the help we receive from them it would seem wise that if finances warrant there should be some increase in our contributions to them which would include the Student Volunteer Movement.

History of Evangelical Missions

The manuscript of "The History of Evangelical Missions" by Dr. Paul E. Eller of the Chair of Church History of the Evangelical Theological Seminary is now in the hands of the Consultative Committee. Already one day has been given by the committee in consultation with the editor in the study of the manuscript. Our first approach was that the manuscript might be submitted for consideration at this meeting but this has been found impossible. By action of the Executive Committee authorization has been given to the Consultative Committee for publication and it is hoped that at a meeting scheduled for November 17th to 19th the final draft may be ready for the printer. It is our judgment in which we believe we reflect the judgment of the Committee, that we shall have a history of Evangelical Missions worthy of the high purposes which make this record possible.

The Call of New Fields

During the year a communication of Rev. W. W. Krueger, D.D., Superintendent of our Northwest Canada Missionary Conference, called attention to the possibility of a new missionary field in British Columbia, and an appropriation of $300.00 to cover cost of travel was authorized. Rev. and Mrs. J. S. Domm, missionary-minded and general supporters of our missionary program, were assigned to this work. The preliminary reports are encouraging.

For years the possibility of South America as a mission field for the Evangelical Church has had some measure of consideration. The records of the Missionary Society reveal that as early as 1902 the attention of the church was called to South America as a Mission field by Rev. William Lingelbach of the Erie conference offering to survey the field at his own expense which was followed by an offer to the Board of Missions in 1904 to defray the expense of any one designated by the Board to engage in this exploratory mission to which Dr. G. Heinmiller, then President of the Board of Missions, was assigned. He reported favorably "but the Board was undecided and the General Conference vetoed the proposal."

The European conference petitioned the Board of Missions to establish a mission among the Germans in Montevideo and in 1936 Rev. A. A. Archibald, a minister of the Evangelical church, laboring as a missionary in Brazil, addressed the Board of Missions on the possibilities of Brazil for missionary work.

In addressing the District Superintendent's Council at Naperville the President of the Board of Missions said: "Perhaps the Lord is closing some doors long open to the Missionaries of the Evangelical church in order to set before us another open, effectual door of opportunity, namely South America. Voices have been raised a long while urging the Evangelical church to begin operations in countries like Brazil."

Woman's Missionary Society

It is again our pleasure to acknowledge the great contribution made by the Woman's Missionary Society to our total missionary program. This contribution must not be interpreted in terms of finance alone—cooperation, counsel, consecration—all enter into the picture. It is our judgment that factors in their report should become a part of this record. We submit the following: Societies 1258, active membership 35,207, increase in membership 69, subscribers to the Missionary World 18,964, tithers 11,474, study classes 4,131, fellowship of prayer 22,608, observed Self Denial Week 1,111, observed Day of Prayer, 1,148, Y. P. M. C. 710, Mission Bands 875, Little Heralds 626. It is interesting to note that the Ohio Conference Branch leads with 122 societies with a membership of 3,942 Central Pennsylvania is second with 114 societies and a membership of 3,892. Illinois is third with 96 societies and a membership of 3,194. Wisconsin 89 societies, membership 2,765; East Pennsylvania societies 74, membership 2,473; Kansas societies 81, membership 2,310; Indiana societies 70, membership 2,171.

The Treasurer's report shows contributions from the Woman's Missionary Society of $147,426.87 to the General Treasury, a gain of $907.12 and a grand total of $221,018.02.

Children's Day and Foreign Missions Day

For Children's Day 1,118 fields report $39,001.20, an increase over last year of $3,492.11. This amount is the highest since 1931. The list of leading fields in total offering at the close of the fiscal year is as follows:

Black Hawk, Wisconsin	$ 655.22
Lemoyne, C. Pa.	525.00
Hubbard, Iowa	498.20
Prairie du Sac, Wisconsin	450.26
Harris St., Harrisburg, E. Pa.	339.50
Cedar Falls, Iowa	250.72
Grand Prairie and Bonfield, Ill.	238.54
Council Bluffs	193.50
Elmira, Canada	191.00
Findlay, Ohio	171.71
Pembroke, Canada	145.15

For Foreign Day the receipts were $25,616.00 an increase of $1,875.29 over last year. The leading fields are as follows:

Elgin, First, Illinois Conf.	$ 632.50
Immanuel, Reading, E. Pa. Conf.	489.73
Fallon, Montana	317.15
Harris St., Harrisburg, E. Pa.	266.20
Lemoyne, Central Pa.	200.44
Carlisle	190.96
Calvary, Lincoln, Nebraska	184.00
Waseca, Minnesota	178.15
Naperville, First, Illinois	158.21
Bismarck, North Dakota	150.00

The ranking Conferences in amounts contributed for Children's Day are:

Central Pennsylvania	$4,829.18
Wisconsin	3,900.72
Iowa	3,324.24
Illinois	3,122.25
Indiana	2,480.81
Ohio	2,470.23
Michigan	2,452.97
East Pennsylvania	2,419.47
Canada	2,065.21
Minnesota	2,036.57

The ranking Conferences for Foreign Day are:

Central Pennsylvania	$3,654.03
East Pennsylvania	2,464.86
Ohio	1,749.03
Iowa	1,677.06
Illinois	1,613.06
Minnesota	1,453.71
Indiana	1,452.42
Wisconsin	1,452.23
Pittsburgh	1,120.24
Michigan	1,094.66

Missions In North America

We have already called attention to the survey of annual conferences and the emphasis on conference missions. In view of the reports to be submitted we here call attention in passing to the statistical report which is based upon reports received in our office from the several annual conferences.

The Italian Mission

We respectfully refer the members of the annual meeting to the report of Rev. M. N. Berger, superintendent, which is attached to this report.... Emphasis is laid on the growth of the mission and several problems to which the Mission Council as well as this Committee has already given attention in which the following elements are emphasized: first, inadequate facilities particularly at Racine and the question of merging the work of North Racine and Albert Street in one central building somewhere between the two present locations; second, the language question with the relative use of the English and Italian languages in the worship services; third, the assimilation of the Italian group into the composite American nationality, a problem made more acute by the progress of inter-marriage of nationalities. In this connection may I pay tribute to the constructive leadership of the Superintendent.

The Kentucky Mountain Mission

The Superintendent calls attention to the anniversary of the founding of the Mission twenty years ago. To staff changes, to the very competent work of the new missionary at Jack's Creek, Rev. John W. Bischoff, and his leadership in the erection of the new church-school building made necessary by the destruction of the former building by fire, all of which is expected to be completed within the ceiling limit of $6,000.00. The paragraph devoted to education records an enrollment of 317 in the three schools; the graduation of a class of 17 and a high average achieve-

MISSIONARY STATISTICS—MEMBERSHIP

CONFERENCES NORTH AMERICA	Missions	Missionaries	Conversions	Accessions	Organized Congregations	Membership	Gained	Lost	Held Own	Changed to Stations	Changed to Missions	New Missions	Sunday Schools	Enrollment
Atlantic	15	15	145	250	15	2,546	10	5	....	....	....	....	15	3,023
California	11	11	56	79	11	892	5	6	....	....	....	....	11	1,009
Canada	12	12	42	94	19	1,833	5	7	....	....	....	....	18	2,061
Central Pennsylvania	52	52	630	811	129	11,357	32	16	4	1	5	....	128	15,998
Colorado	24	14	146	156	24	1,666	12	6	6	....	2	....	23	2,023
East Pennsylvania	32	32	225	264	56	5,093	27	23	7	1	....	....	55	6,307
Illinois	54	51	287	479	64	5,625	24	26	5	3	1	....	65	7,035
Indiana	24	24	190	187	33	2,821	13	17	3	2	1	....	33	3,371
Iowa	35	34	174	221	45	3,862	17	4	14	....	2	....	43	4,169
Kansas	31	29	185	260	43	3,249	13	14	4	....	1	....	43	3,792
Michigan	27	27	186	186	40	2,397	18	12	7	....	2	....	36	3,866
Minnesota	31	31	130	217	38	3,274	18	13	7	....	1	....	46	3,724
Montana	11	11	91	60	15	1,126	7	2	2	....	....	....	16	1,560
Nebraska	40	32	177	170	41	2,734	18	19	3	....	....	2	41	3,298
New England	9	9	75	41	9	650	6	2	1	....	....	....	11	907
New York	8	8	58	83	8	1,124	6	1	1	1	....	....	8	1,137
North Dakota	26	22	145	154	56	2,297	14	9	3	1	....	....	51	3,394
North West Canada	23	23	179	221	46	2,203	11	9	3	....	....	2	46	3,070
Ohio	35	33	380	462	40	5,374	16	15	4	1	1	....	40	6,649
Oregon-Washington	56	38	321	252	27	3,278	27	16	6	2	....	....	55	4,480
Pittsburgh	30	30	268	268	87	4,874	13	15	2	....	....	....	66	6,249
South Dakota	15	14	42	66	19	965	10	4	1	....	....	....	20	1,697
Texas	5	5	15	37	6	527	3	2	1	1	0	....	6	607
Wisconsin	44	44	243	344	75	5,043	26	10	8	1	1	....	71	5,105
Kentucky	4	5	27	103	5	439	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	.....
Totals	654	596	4,417	5,465	979	69,624	351	253	92	14	17	4	950	87,093
EUROPE														
East Germany	30	34	130	286	53	5,358	13	6	....	....	....	....	69	4,703
Poland	7	7	14	14	14	885	21	....	....	....	....	....	13	252
West Germany	34	36	338	448	71	6,780	13	15	....	....	....	....	80	4,555
South Germany	58	80	295	331	190	12,683	25	22	11	....	....	....	205	.....
Switzerland	4	6	.....	.....	127	7,500	9	5	....	....	....	....	105	5,853
Latvia	....	....	....	.....	5	.....	....	....	....	....	....	....	7	215
Totals	133	164	777	1,079	460	33,206	81	48	11	....	....	....	479	15,578
ASIA														
Japan	37	36	103	169	38	2,994	177	....	....	....	....	....	51	2,200
China	29	29	336	363	40	2,480	....	....	....	....	....	....	40	1,862
Totals	66	65	439	532	78	5,474	177	....	....	....	....	....	91	4,062
AFRICA														
Sudan United Mission														
Ev. Church	3	4	.....	.....	3	67	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	.....
Grand Totals	856	832	5,633	7,076	1,520	108,371	609	301	103	14	17	4	1,520	106,733

MISSIONARY PROPERTY AND CONTRIBUTIONS TO MISSIONS

CONFERENCES	Churches	Value of Churches	Parsonages	Value of Parsonages	Total Property Value on Missions	Church Debts on Missions	Church Debts Paid	Total Missionary Contributions on Missions	Total Missionary Contributions in Conferences	Self Supporting Charges	Debts on Stations or Circuits
NORTH AMERICA											
Atlantic	15	$397,991	14	$ 69,000	$466,991	$397,471	$ 10,295	$ 8,068	$ 17,414	11	$ 28,800
California	11	107,500	8	41,500	154,500	11,843	254	2,490	9,246	..	23,068
Canada	18	135,300	12	36,300	172,100	5,545	2,692	2,419	17,406	27	7,830
Central Pennsylvania	127	909,700	55	185,375	1,092,325	245,579	21,909	15,073	57,730	58	337,473
Colorado	19	74,250	11	20,800	95,050	34,174	717	2,919	5,620	8	22,035
East Pennsylvania	55	540,950	28	109,300	674,180	152,604	4,033	5,338	32,145	50	15,120
Illinois	64	572,150	48	142,600	714,750	121,241	7,077	12,101	42,353	47	77,840
Indiana	34	165,350	19	29,500	194,850	58,203	3,340	3,271	26,889	51	68,372
Iowa	45	273,150	34	104,950	381,250	10,016	3,502	5,829	25,330	39	20,750
Kansas	41	167,950	28	58,450	236,400	24,160	1,850	5,554	23,901	39	68,434
Michigan	39	261,150	21	73,000	335,800	66,926	7,768	3,260	26,005	64	224,331
Minnesota	47	312,750	30	103,500	416,250	60,262	6,300	9,286	34,718	31	16,708
Montana	18	85,500	18	42,200	128,700	36,044	1,794	3,573	.....	..	.....
Nebraska	41	225,750	31	84,100	314,950	24,063	1,095	4,545	13,366	17	38,847
New England	9	84,400	1	1,000	86,400	26,106	1,707	1,923	2,534	2	195
New York	8	99,000	8	31,000	130,000	38,947	1,700	.....	10,166	37	101,209
North Dakota	56	199,100	26	76,300	278,500	49,600	2,018	4,634	8,686	8	16,630
North West Canada	42	126,150	18	32,400	145,800	17,693	862	3,493	4,045	1	.....
Ohio	42	646,200	29	108,550	767,330	275,000	11,828	12,495	59,656	71	245,559
Oregon-Washington	45	136,000	30	54,850	190,850	15,611	2,105	3,984	10,731	15	19,881
Pittsburgh	70	421,300	27	76,600	500.200	99,041	9,005	10,604	55,651	48	156,639
South Dakota	26	130,425	13	41,900	172,325	35,000	.....	3,118	7,831	7	43,000
Texas	6	23,500	5	8,800	8,800	33,310	51	850	2,042	3	11,612
Wisconsin	75	528,400	38	138,350	666,750	76,750	22,084	10,986	47,867	45	104,000
Kentucky	3	17,500	7	22,600	.....	.....	.....	882	.....	..	.....
Totals	956	$6,641,416	559	$1,692,925	$8,325,051	$1,915,181	$ 123,978	$ 136,659	$ 541,332	682	$1,648,303
EUROPE											
East Germany	30	674,400	12	.....	674,400	254,181	.....	23,840	46,781	11	152,938
Poland	7	27,672	..	.....	18,000	7,090	.....	.....	.....	..	.....
West Germany	52	620,000	11	.....	335,000	136,000	865	7,000	55,962	11	.....
South Germany	142	1,293,867	14	176,992	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	..	.....
Switzerland	58	.....	..	.....	1,014,059	570,235	.....	36,439	62,237	21	.....
Latvia	4	15,000	2	8,300	18,000	7,090	.....	.....	.....	..	.....
Totals	293	$2,630,939	37	$185,292	$2,059,459	$974,596	$ 865	$ 67,279	$164,980	43	$152,938
ASIA											
Japan	27	27,000	15	6,000	6,000	414,000	.....	300	8,200	*1	.....
China	24	.....	20	.....	.....	98,000	.....	.....	.....	1	.....
Totals	51	$ 27,000	35	$ 6,000	$ 6,000	$512,000	.....	$ 300	$ 8,200	2	.....
AFRICA											
Sudan United Mission Ev. Church	3	305	2	1,700	1,700	3,175	.....	.....	.....	..	.....
Grand Totals	1303	$9,299,660	633	$1,885,917	$10,392,210	$3,404,952	$ 124,843	$ 204,238	$ 714,512	727	$1,801,241

ment in extra curricular activities. A survey in connection with the twentieth anniversary reveals the 152 graduates of the High School have taken 294 years of advance work or an average of 1.9 years for each graduate and out of 34 college graduates 9 have taken post graduate work. "Those who know the home conditions of these students realize that this is just short of miraculous. It shows that Red Bird has a way of inspiring boys and girls to attempt the impossible". Regret is expressed that Miss Joyce Plaxton has resigned her position as a teacher at Jack's Creek in order to enter the mission field in Africa with the Sudan Interior Mission.

The medical department, under the capable direction of Dr. Harold Elliott, had another busy year with 244 patients at the hospital, an increase of 25 over last year with a total of 3,625 office and home calls. Pupils of our schools were all given physical examinations. 231 pre-school children and 142 mothers attended baby and mother clinics. Immunizations numbering 158 were given the various persons.

A summary of statistics of the entire mission are the following: Membership 439, Sunday Schools 7, total enrollment 716, E.L.C.E.'s 5, total enrollment 203, total contributions for all purposes $882.00, average per member $1.97.

The following needs are outlined: A new station for evangelistic work, a nurse's home, an orphanage to salvage the lives of boys and girls under 14, a gymnasium or recreation hall, a second doctor.

Evangelical Missions in Europe

Contacts between the Missionary office and our work in Europe have been greatly limited. For reasons that are obvious the major time has been occupied by finances. From the East, West and South Germany conferences and former Poland Missionary conference, now functioning in the East Germany, occasional news items filter through which indicate that the work is maintained in spite of war. The Publishing House at Stuttgart reports progress. Official communications express regret for the reduction of appropriations made by the Board.

In Switzerland reports indicate a blessed conference session presided over by Rev. F. Schaar instead of the veteran R. Schweingruber who this year took a superannuated relation. Rev. R. Schweingruber is remembered in the church at home as a delegate to former General conferences and session of the Board of Missions. The conference reports a loss in membership and finances. There are no outward hindrances to the activities of the congregations save those created by the international influences. The Treasurer, Rev. F. Gloor, reports the largest offering for Foreign Missions Day in the history of the Conference $762.00; the offering for Childrens' Day was $566.00. Rev. Gloor made sustained

effort to transmit to the Latvia Mission $200.00 forwarded to him for that purpose but with no success. The money remains in his hands subject to further effort in this direction. Our effort to send the Switzerland conference the advance appropriation of $5,000.00 authorized by the Board was only successful in part; the Government authorizing cabling $1,250.00. We have a request for a similar authorization now pending.

Adjustment of services to Evangelicals in Alsace-Lorraine between the Switzerland and South Germany conferences remains undetermined and a similar status applies to a division of the appropriation by the Board for France.

We have a letter written by Rev. R. Kalnmal, superintendent of our mission in Latvia, from which we quote the following in a free translation: 'We have been blessed with strength to withstand the rigors of a severe winter. Our house has been adequately heated, thanks to the aid of a roomer who shared the expense. Until now we have been getting along well and our daily bread has never failed us. Our chief concern is that we may be faithful to our task and carry on our much beloved work. Services are well attended and the spirit of liberality is upon our people."

At Riga we have been dispossessed of our property and it is being used for other purposes. At Goldingen our second place of worship in which our services have been held for 20 years had to be surrendered. Another place was secured by Sister Berta Engel and services are continued and the room always filled with sincere worshippers.

Rev. Waldemar Steinert, former superintendent of our work in Latvia, sends his greetings to the Board and wishes me to express his heartfelt appreciation of the support voted him with a hope that it may be continued.

A communication from Sister Marta Beier addressed to the Board asks for support after having given 14½ years of service to our mission in Latvia.

All communications from Europe abound in words of deep appreciation for the ministry of the Evangelical Church and the abiding fellowship which has been the fruit of that ministry.

The Evangelical Mission in Japan

Dr. Mayer's report deals first with church union in Japan: the causes that have brought this about; denominational attitude and their relation to the department of education.

"Second, the problem of self-support.

"Third, steps in organization, committees on organization, creed, orders and finance.

"Fourth, the Evangelical Mission and branch 3 in the organization; reason for the same.

"Fifth, the relation of missionaries to this situation.

"Sixth, the Christian fellowship deputation to the United States.

"Seventh, the session of the annual conference; re-election of G. Fujisaki and M. Kuyama and the election of Rev. K. Shinohara as District Superintendent.

"Eighth, Conference faces the problems of self-support; now eleven self-supporting fields.

"Ninth, change of personnel; return of Mrs. Harvey Thede and children.

"Tenth, under education the program emphasis on four students in Aoyama Theological Seminary, 54 enrolled in the Tokyo Bible School, the twentieth anniversary of the deaf-oral school, the substitution of the Rev. Henry M. Tayama as treasurer for Miss Lois Kramer and progress in the total program of Kindergarten work.

"Eleventh, under Social work Dr. Mayer discusses the Boshi Home, Osaka Boat Work with a new building under construction, the Koishikawa Orphanage directed by Dr. Bauernfeind and at her suggestion now directed by Rev. Hirono with Miss Suzuki continuing as matron.

"Twelfth, the closing paragraph deals with these profound changes in Dr. Mayer's best style: a paragraph which I now incorporate as a part of my report because of its statesmanlike appraisal.

"The past year has been one of crisis and profound changes, changes so fundamental that we have not yet fully understood or comprehended all of the implications. The Protestant churches with few exceptions have decided to form one church. They have publicly declared their financial independence. Both of these positions will vitally affect the missionary movement in this land. Should the missionary withdraw? Has the object of the missionary movement been accomplished in Japan? Will there still be a place for missionary work in the Sunrise Kingdom? These are questions which cannot be answered at this time. The future alone will tell. In the meantime, however, we may have the confidence that God is working out His purpose and that however incomprehensible some things may seem to us He is directing all things for the best interests of His Kingdom on earth. Therefore we cannot help but rejoice in the steps that the Protestant churches have taken. We thank God for the Church in Japan, for her leadership, for her faith and for her courage. We unite our hearts in prayer for this Church 'that he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word, that he might present it to himself a glorious church not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish' ".

Baptisms 190, total gain in members 290, present membership 2,994, net gain 177, Sunday Schools 51, enrollment 3,666. We call special attention to Dr. Mayer's discussion of the several "Funds and the Status of the W. M. S. of the Japan conference."

The China Mission of Evangelical Church

Dr. Talbott in his report notes the following: Missionary personnel, which now consists of 18, five of whom are now studying the language, five are on furlough.

"Second, This has been our best year for building new churches. Churches were completed at four points and new churches built at four other points. The church at Chuchoo is a memorial for Mrs. C. C. Talbott and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Wengert of Lebanon, Pa. In view of the multiplied need of major repairs, some long overdue, suggestion is made that the Board take the initiative and *require* that the buildings be put in repair and provide the money which at the present rate of exchange would be less than $300.00 U. S.

"Third, The report devotes considerable space to the question of the educational program in China relating first to union schools, Yale for boys and FuhSiang for girls now located in Yuanling; second, our Junior High Schools at Liling and Tungjen. Albright at Liling is now co-educational. Mingteh at Tungjen has had the best year since it has been strictly Junior High School. The China Conference devoted its session to a study of this problem and the seven primary schools at the different appointments on the mission.

"Fourth, The Tungjen Hospital and the Liling Hospital are both staffed by Chinese doctors; at the former Dr. Lin and his wife, Dr. Cong, highly recommended by the authorities of the Hunan-Yale Hospital, together with Miss Anna Renninger, R.N., are carrying on. At the Liling Hospital Dr. L. C. Chang, a graduate of our own Albright High School at Liling, of Yale College in China and St. John Medical School, Shanghai, is in charge. This hospital, formerly taken over by the Hunan Public Health Administration in February, 1934, for a number of reasons has been taken over by the Evangelical Church.

"Fifth, A branch of the Woman's Missionary Society has been organized in the China Conference with a number of local societies organized during the year. A recent report of a prayer meeting conducted by the W.M.S. at Tungjen reports the attendance of 87 women and the extension of work as the special project on their part among the aborigines.

"Sixth, Evangelistic bands continue their pioneer work with the result that four new groups of believers were organized in the Siangtan country district. The inquirers at one place assuming the responsibility for the home of the preacher and the place at which services could be held.

"Seventh, The China Conference consists of 17 elders, 11 deacons, 5 probationers, 14 evangelists, 5 local preachers, 3 local evangelists and was divided into five districts. There were 354 baptisms and admissions to the church during the year and the present membership is 2,814—1,531 men, and 1,283 women.

"Eighth, A paragraph is devoted to the consideration of the problems of relief with specific reference to our own membership and in closing his report Dr. Talbott refers to the political situation.

"Regardless of what the final outcome may be, these four years of war have done more for Central and West China than forty years of peace could ever have done. This extends to the new Province of Sikong which has been carved out of Eastern Tibet and a part of southwestern Szehuen and northwestern Yunnan. Highways now connect this baby province with the rest of free China.

"West Hunan and Kweichow now have Private, Provincial and National High Schools, Normal Schools, Universities and Medical Schools.

"One of our Theological students in Chengtu Szechuen won first prize in an English oratorical contest at which nine students of University competed.

"In much of the area in which our Mission work is located, if you did not ask about the news you could easily forget that China and the world are at war. People live, work, study and enjoy life much as they always have done, but with more knowledge, more comforts and a broader outlook on life than they have ever known.

"Educated Chinese leaders in all walks of life are seriously considering the ways of Christ.

"These influences are felt all down the line to the common people and probably in no time in history has there been such a great opportunity to evangelize great masses, who are sure to exert a major influence on the future life of the world. The regrettable thing is that all missions are hopelessly understaffed and only playing with the unlimited opportunities on every hand.

"God has blessed us and sustained us in our small part in this great Kingdom building enterprise; but Oh! that we would more adequately meet the challenge and as individuals and a church show ourselves worthy of the responsibility He has placed upon us."

The Evangelical Mission in the Sudan Africa

The report this year was written by Rev. J. J. Armold owing to the tragic experiences of the Supt., Dr. McBride, because of the death of Mrs. McBride and the prolonged and serious illness of Dr. McBride. We have already referred to the facts relating to the personnel of this mission. It is a pleasure to quote from the report in reference to the development of native workers and their cooperation in the building of an indigenous church.

"The native Christians are to be commended for their assistance in the Lord's work and for their interest in the unsaved of their fellow-tribesmen. This assistance and interest is not to be seen in all of them, in the same way as it would not be of all church members at home.

"A great amount of what has been done this year would have been impossible without the help of these consecrated natives. It has been learned that in some parts of N. Nigeria there is the belief by the natives that as they win others to the Lord, the white missionaries' salaries are increased proportionately. Some questioning has shown that this idea has filtered into Wurkumland but it has not stopped the native workers from going out to their people, not even those who give their services voluntarily.

"I am confident that the great majority, if not all of those brought to the Lord since our last report, have been largely the result of native effort.

"Yepu of Pero has been handicapped by illness, which continued over a number of months.

"The oldest out-station, Gbwere, has been placed in charge of two local men and is continuing to grow.

"Dege, who was there the previous year, has gone to a new place farther out and is giving his usual sincere and devoted effort to the Master's service there. Others have done teaching and preaching in villages and their home towns.

"Beside the men mentioned above at Pero there are some women of fine devoted spirit, whose lives are a glorious witness for the Lord. Kura of Bambur is leading the group there. His younger brother Aliu is showing devotion to the work of village preaching and at least one elderly man has been brought to seek the Lord through his influence. Kasala at Bambuka still continues the good work there. The group of enquirers continues to grow gradually as also does the persecution from the pagan people about. We praise God for these men and women. Their transformed, regenerated lives are a witness to the power of the gospel and the worth of the missionary enterprise".

Two epidemics are noted: one, that of measles with the deaths of hundreds of children; the other, spinal meningitis, resulting not only in death but often when the patient survived followed by some physical deformity. The extent of medical work done represents treatments for 6,255 patients and 53,121 treatments given. Approval is expressed of the action of the Board with reference to a medical program with a doctor in charge associated with our mission.

Tender reference is also made in the report to the death of Rev. C. W. Guinter, former Supt., and Mrs. McBride.

Our Missionary Finances

The total receipts for the General Treasury	$373,026.58
Disbursements	349,229.94
Balance	$ 23,796.64
Balance Sept. 1st, 1940	$ 32,334.04

Total Receipts

General Treasury	$373,026.58
Auxiliary Treasury	299,824.19
Special Miss. Fund	11,293.45
Grand Total Receipts	684,144.22
Grand Total Disbursements	657,106.47

Avg. per member
(Current income only)

Receipts	$2.83
Disbursements	$2.95

We call special attention to the disbursements to the Japan Conference represented by the advance payment of $30,000.00, $25,000.00 of which is for the Conference directly and $5,000.00 for Evangelical Bible Women which broken down means balance for 1941 of $9,000.00, advance for 1942 $8,500.00, advance for 1943 of $7,500.00. We also call attention to the first payment under the provision for scholarships for ministers and other christian workers who desire to pursue their education in either of our Seminaries, $300.00 having been paid to Rev. M. Wada of the Japan Conference.

The international situation made administrative responsibilities unusually heavy during the year. Personal as well as official solicitude for the lives and well being of our missionary family abroad was our daily care. Inability to forward funds during the year except in isolated instances and limited amounts intensified this concern. The action of the Board in letting the missionaries determine whether to remain or return home on their own initiative, and the attitude of the United States Government that funds for the return of missionaries may always be cabled, quieted in a measure our apprehensions. It is only just that in referring to these experiences I should acknowledge the helpful assistance of the President of the Board of Missions, Bishop G. E. Epp, of Miss Mary C. Schmidt, the office Secretary, and of Mrs. Bernice J. Phare whose familiarity with the office technique (Secretary to Treasurer George Johnson) and willingness to serve on call has been of great help.

This brief but altogether inadequate survey of the missions of the Evangelical Church in its purpose, personnel, program, possessions and power should be reflected in the ministry and membership, particularly of the Christians at home. To do so will give a new impetus to our prayer life, a new consciousness and interpretation of the sacrificial in stewardship; a new passion to our consecration because "He wills it"; will bring a new test to our method substituting His plan for our time tables, with prayer and faith as the dynamic which claims the whole wide world. The language will again be "It seemed good to the Holy Ghost and us". It will also mean to the church at home a new measure of our success. The Cross is always successful, God's power is infinite, His time is

eternity. Peter preaching at Pentecost and Stephen, the first martyr of the Christian Church, each made their contribution to the advent of the Kingdom of God. The night cometh but also the morning. Who can doubt words like these from the Holy Book "Fear not, for I have redeemed thee; I have called thee by my name. Thou art Mine. When thou passest through the water I will be with thee; and through the rivers they shall not overflow thee. When thou walkest through the fire thou shalt not be burned neither shall the flame kindle upon thee for I am thy God the Holy One of Israel".

"To give and not to count the cost
To fight and not to heed the wound
To toil and not to ask for reward
Save we know we do Thy will".

Respectfully submitted,

W. L. Bollman.

Executive Secretary.

REPORT OF THE FIELD SECRETARY

To the Members of the Executive Committee:

The past year has demanded a larger share of time and energy for the functions of the field secretary than any previous year of the past two quadrenniums. Due to the initiation of several new projects centering in this office, each of them of major proportions, it was necessary to make considerable adjustment in the program of work at several important points.

Annual Conference Visitation

Among the recurring duties and privileges of the past year were the visits to the annual conference sessions in the interest of the missionary enterprise of our Church. The gracious welcome by the conference leaders and the hospitality of Evangelical friends in every place constantly renew in one the sense of gratitude for a host of men and women who are devoted to the Cause of the Kingdom.

Christian Stewardship

The special "Stewardship Year" emphasis by the United Stewardship Council, in which our own denomination participated wholeheartedly, came to a close in the late spring. The results of this emphasis in American Protestantism justified the hopes and expectations of the leaders of this movement. In our own Church distinct gains were registered in many congregations and conferences, always according to the measure in which these units entered into the spirit and purpose of this program. Some of the conferences organized their Stewardship promotion under the leadership of a Conference Stewardship Secretary or a Stewardship Committee to encourage and assist this effort in the local congregations. The literature and other materials provided by the Missionary Society were received with generous expressions of appreciation by the pastors, many of whom made use of them in their churches. Orders for materials were received from congregations in each of our North American conferences except one. Among the materials sold were 2,200 copies of the magazine "United Stewardship", 40,000 copies of the Stewardship leaflets, more than 50,000 copies of the Church bulletins and almost 400 sets of Wall Posters. In addition, a considerable quantity of free materials for the guidance of pastors in formulating their church programs was provided, the actual cost of this amounting to several hundred dollars.

Extended tours of two annual conference areas were conducted in cooperation with the conference leadership with gratifying results. A two-day Conference on Stewardship was also held in the Evangelical Theological Seminary at Naperville, Illinois, while

plans for a similar period at the Evangelical School of Theology, Reading, Pennsylvania, did not materialize due to the urgency of other matters. Our office has continued to handle the sale of the Stewardship materials and to give assistance to church and conference leaders upon request, but has not been able to project any plan for the extension of the Stewardship emphasis during the years ahead, due to the assumption of other responsibilities which have come to the field secretary during the year.

There is urgent need for a continued emphasis upon the meaning of Christian Stewardship for the work of the Kingdom in general and for its support through "worship-giving" in particular. The United Stewardship Council has been studying this need with a view to projecting a long-range program of emphasis upon Christian giving. Among the findings of this study, these are of special interest and concern for the churches:

(a) "A careful student of the Church cannot fail to see the half-hearted manner in which Christian giving was stressed during the thirties, nor can he be ignorant of the spiritual weakness of the Church, evidenced by thousands of its members who are merely on our rolls and who never have had an idea of Christianity demanding some real commitment in personal evangelism, service, and giving.

(b) "In the past two years there has been an upturn in giving. This upturn has not been a great one. It is a grave question whether we may expect a large increase in any year's giving. The days of big advances in a short time are not here.

(c) "The increase in giving which we have noted bears no relation to the increase in income. Our national income this year may reach 80 to 90 billions—higher perhaps than it was in 1929. The national income fell to 40 billions in 1932. The disturbing element in the situation has been that while the national income has climbed 40 billions since 1932, giving for the support of the Church continued to drop and only since 1939 has there been a slight gain. In general we lost about 35% in contributions to the local church and 58% to benevolences during the depression. We are far from any recovery of these losses. Income is rising but gifts are not keeping pace with it.

(d) "A second fact must be noted and that is that church giving is more self-centered than it was before 1932. That is to say, as the church dollar is given today, more of it goes to the support of the local church and less of it to benevolences than in the late twenties and early thirties. This is a more serious situation than we sense....The support of the Church and Missions is the task of the minority. The minority group has carried the work all through the lean years. A study of any individual church will reveal that there is a large segment of it not giving at all. And the giving section, it will be found, no longer is contributing 50-50

to current expenses and benevolences, but at times 90-10, and sometimes more unequally than that."

An examination of the record for giving in our own denomination shows that the average per member *for Missions,* which reached its lowest level five to six years ago, had increased four points by 1940 to reach 70 per cent of the figure for the year 1929, while the average per member *for all purposes* increased 9 points during the same period to reach 70 per cent of the figure for 1929 also. When we study these figures further the significance of this trend becomes more apparent. The data assembled for the examination of our missionary activities in the annual conferences show that 21 of our 24 annual conferences in North America reported an increase in their per capita giving *for all purposes* from 1935 to 1940, while only 12 conferences showed an increase in the per capita giving *for Missions* during this period and 9 of the remaining 12 conferences actually reported a decrease in this average for Missions. The total Special Missions Days Offerings in 1940 in our North American Conferences reached 72 per cent of the amount contributed in 1929, with the Thank Offering, Day of Prayer, Foreign Missions Day and Children's Day offerings amounting to 88, 70, 67 and 65 per cent respectively, of the 1929 contributions for these purposes.

A continuing conviction which comes out of the experiences and observations of this Stewardship emphasis in our churches is this: The answer to the problem of adequate financial support for the work of the Kingdom rests in the possibility of persuading more of our members to adopt the principle of the tithe as a tangible standard for Christian giving. Unfortunately, some who favor this method of giving do not present an adequate Christian basis for its practice, but rest their argument upon certain unattractive legal assumptions. Others seem to see in tithing merely a technique for increasing the revenues of the Church. What is needed is such an interpretation of the tithe as will transform this tangible minimum standard for Christian giving into an expression of gratitude and devotion. When "love dictates the tithe", tithing becomes an act of worship.

Conferences on Missions

Due to the inauguration of other major projects and the press of work of the other Board which the field secretary serves, it was impossible to continue the Conferences on Missions in the theological seminaries this past year. Special speaking engagements were filled as in other years, among them being the high privilege of sharing in the service inaugurating the Mrs. Minerva Spreng Chair of Missions in the Evangelical Theological Seminary at Naperville. An enlarged program of missionary emphasis is being arranged for October 28-31, 1941, in this seminary in cooperation

with the faculty and students. Through the generosity of a friend of Missions, a number of guest speakers will be included in the program. It is our hope to be able to conduct a similar project in the Evangelical School of Theology at Reading if the special financial assistance required can be secured.

Survey of Smaller Conferences

During the year a considerable amount of work was done in assembling the data relating to individual congregations in the smaller conferences being surveyed by the Missionary Society under the direction of the General Conference resolution of 1938. The project involved an almost endless examination of annual conference journals over a period of years and the segregation, reconciliation and tabulation of the data in a series of comparative tables. The preparation and mimeographing of these materials necessitated the employment of additional office assistance.

Conference Missions Emphasis

In harmony with the action of the Board meeting of 1940, this office has been extensively occupied during the past ten months with the promotion of the plan for special recognition of the missionary operations of our annual conferences in North America. In preparation for the study of these operations by the annual conferences, a large amount of statistical data was prepared, showing the trends in the missionary activities of these conferences during the past twelve years. These tables reveal many things which concern the missionary program of our Church. For example: During the twelve-year period from 1928 to 1940, 45 new mission congregations were organized in 14 North American conferences. Of these, 6 were in 1 missionary conference, 23 were in 6 aided conferences, and 16 in 7 self-supporting conferences. This leaves 10 annual conferences, 2 missionary, 5 aided and 3 self-supporting, in which no new mission congregations were organized during this period. Considering the six-year period beginning with the low point of missionary disbursements in 1934 through the year 1940, 18 new mission congregations were organized in 8 annual conferences. Of these 18 congregations, 9 were organized in two of the conferences. This leaves 16 annual conferences in which no new mission congregations were organized from 1934 to 1940. There are many other interesting data in these tables, among them being those pertaining to the types of congregations in each conference and the extent of the ministerial services provided for the mission congregations. To illustrate: One annual conference, having the largest membership and with a total of 267 organized congregations in 1940, has 51 churches which receive full-time pastoral service. Of these, 21 are mission congregations. The remaining 216 congregations are divided into 101 congregations on 26 self-supporting circuits and 116 congregations on 30 mission circuits. While it

is obvious that methods of church organization cannot be adapted equally well to differing geographical areas, there seems to be a principle of missionary administration operative here which merits careful consideration.

In connection with the survey of mission congregations which the annual conferences have been requested to undertake, an extensive Outline for the Survey of Mission Congregations was prepared. To date, fourteen conferences have been supplied with these questionnaires, along with many additional copies of the statistical data above mentioned. At least one of these conferences is extending this survey to include *all* of its churches, whether they be mission congregations or self-supporting. The field secretary was asked to confer with a number of the annual conference committees engaged in this task and to counsel by mail with others concerning the procedures and problems relating thereto. Our experience with this project thus far suggests that there is going to be large value for our missionary operations wherever these studies are made with care and the results appraised objectively. This program of recognition of our annual conference missionary activities is increasing the interest in this important area of our church life and preparing the way for a sound and substantial advance in terms of present day needs. The visual and other promotional materials authorized in connection with the observance of Conference Missions Year in 1942 are being prepared.

Visual Materials

Further progress was made during the year in the preparation of new stereopticon materials and the revision of present lecture sets of our mission fields. A new illustrated lecture of our Kentucky Mountain Mission has been completed, the first full length set of this colorful venture which we have had. The title is "Every Valley Shall Be Exalted". The sets of enlargements of Evangelical missions scenes authorized by the committee are still incompleted, due to the difficulty of securing a sufficient number of pictures of our overseas work. Through the courtesy of Dr. Susan Bauernfeind, additional pictures have now been secured to enable us to proceed with this project and also with a much needed revision of our illustrated lecture of Evangelical Missions in Japan. Our set of illuminated maps of Evangelical Mission fields was exhibited again this summer and attracted considerable interest and some inquiries concerning the availability of the same. We believe that we have now been able to develop, after considerable experimentation, a method for producing these materials at a cost within the ability of our churches and conferences to purchase.

Prayer Service Topics

A folder of monthly topics under the title "The Witness of the Church" was published and copies forwarded to all pastors. The

treatment of these topics in the church periodicals had to be discontinued however, in order to be able to complete the data on Conference Missions in time for the annual conference sessions. This was a source of sincere personal regret. Concerning the topic folders, it is impossible to know just how extensively these materials are used in the churches, although one has his suspicions. Occasionally an expression of appreciation for them comes from the lips or pen of a minister or layman, but it seems safe to say that the monthly missionary prayer service, in which these topics would find their primary use, does not occupy the place of importance assigned to it in former years. The missionary prayer service has suffered the fate of prayer services in general. Folk who do not gather to pray for the *immediate* needs of the Kingdom are unlikely to gather for prayer for the *ends of the earth.*

Missions Lending Library

The Missions Lending Library, which has been in preparation for some time, was placed in active operation about the middle of July with the forwarding of a copy of the bibliography to each pastor in North America. In spite of the fact that this project was initiated in the heat of mid-summer, the response was immediate and really beyond our expectations. During the first two months of operation, more than 200 requests were received and the orders for books continue at this same level. Every annual conference, except one, has utilized the services of the library to date and along with the cards requesting books have come special letters of appreciation for this service which the Missionary Society is extending to our ministry. The privileges of this Library have also been extended to our missionaries on furlough and to the presidents of the Conference Branch Woman's Missionary Societies.

Due to the responsibility of determining beforehand just which volumes would be most in demand, only one copy of each title was purchased. After a detailed study of the requests received, some of which could not be filled immediately, a considerable number of additional copies of the most popular books were added. The preparation of this Library required an unusual amount of time and energy, the sifting and selecting of volumes from every available book list, the cataloging of the books in a bibliography with annotations, the developing of a simple order and record system, the plan for shipment and return of books without damage, and finally the mimeographing of the bibliography booklet which alone required more than 50,000 sheets of paper,—all these were necessary before a book could be loaned without cost to our ministers. We would not like to go through it all again soon, but believe that it has become a particularly worthwhile project for the culturing of our ministry, and through them our membership, in the Cause of Missions.

World-Wide Communion Observance

In harmony with a recent action of the Executive Committee looking toward the participation of the Missionary Society, with the Commission on Evangelism, in the promotion of the Second World-wide Communion Service being sponsored by the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America, this office provided each pastor with complete samples of the materials available for the churches. Letters were also forwarded to each of the editors of our church periodicals and Sunday School literature requesting them to give this important occasion such publicity as they feel able and to interpret for their readers the significance of this observance. Plans are also in progress for this "ecumenical emphasis" in our theological seminaries, in order that our "ministers in training" may be made increasingly aware of the world dimensions of their ministry. This Communion observance impresses us as an unusual opportunity for the spiritual enrichment of the life of our churches through its invitation to holy world-wide fellowship. Its two-fold emphasis on the meaning of the Communion for the *local society* and for the *Church Universal,* makes this occasion one of rich promise for all who grasp its message and spirit.

In Appreciation

One would not want to come to the close of an annual report without giving voice to his appreciation for the many kindnesses which have come to him through his relationships with the officers of the Missionary Society and the members of this Committee, and to give due recognition to the share of his secretary, Miss Beatrice Miller, in the varied and exacting work of this office. And to Him, who gathers up all of our partial endeavors and translates them into the perfect language of the Cross and the Kingdom, we offer our deepest gratitude of heart and mind for His constant and sustaining grace.

Respectfully submitted,

Earl Hargreaves

Field Secretary.

August 31, 1941

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF THE EVANGELICAL CHURCH

For The Fiscal Year Ending August 31, 1941

GENERAL TREASURY RECEIPTS

Balance on hand, Sept. 1, 1940		$ 32,334.04
Administrative Council		41,147.40
Bequests: Direct	$5,281.36	
Matured Annuities	750.00	6,031.36
Christmas Offerings		75.67
Contributions to General Missions		10,550.84
Evangelical Memorial Roll		150.00
Interest Collections on Investments		17,572.61
Property Rentals		2,128.64
Woman's Missionary Society Contributions:		
Foreign Missions	$ 96,673.88	
Home Missions	22,077.04	
Day of Prayer Offerings	20,181.49	
Lincoln Pennies	7,652.47	
Interest on Standing Funds	841.99	$147,426.87

Conferences	*Children's Day*	*Foreign Day*
Atlantic	$ 556.99	$ 422.61
California	368.45	405.76
Canada	2,065.21	785.37
Central Pennsylvania	4,829.18	3,654.03
Colorado	316.09	234.00
East Pennsylvania	2,419.47	2,464.86
Illinois	3,122.25	1,613.06
Indiana	2,480.81	1,452.42
Iowa	3,324.24	1,677.06
Kansas	1,329.32	878.59
Michigan	2,452.97	1,094.66
Minnesota	2,036.57	1,453.71
Montana	273.71	526.92
Nebraska	898.86	735.02
New England	157.50	95.65
New York	963.77	605.58
North Dakota	677.50	603.15
Northwest Canada	840.01	430.22
Ohio	2,470.23	1,749.03
Oregon-Washington	956.81	1,009.34

Conferences	*Children's Day*	*Foreign Day*	
Pittsburgh	1,633.39	1,120.24	
South Dakota	308.04	289.47	
Switzerland	536.00	762.00	
Texas	83.11	101.02	
Wisconsin	3,900.72	1,452.23	
	$39,001.20		$ 39,001.20
		$25,616.00	$ 25,616.00

Italian Mission

Contributions		$ 121.82	
Local Contributions to Current Expenses:			
Kenosha $ 433.07			
Kenosha for Pastor's salary $ 250.00	$ 683.07		
Racine $ 400.28			
Racine for Pastor's salary $ 75.00	$ 475.28		
Milwaukee $ 1,338.76			
Milwaukee for Pastor's salary $ 315.00	$ 1,653.76	$ 2,812.11	$ 2,933.93

Kentucky Mission

Contributions		$ 1,122.28	
Bequests: Direct		647.58	
Contributions received in Kentucky		1,114.55	
Boards of Christian Education:			
Contributions	$ 559.00		
E.L.C.E. Contributions	23.98		
E.L.C.E. Scholarships	115.00	697.98	
Kentucky Scholarships		101.50	
Field Receipts		$19,766.99	$ 23,450.88

European Missions

South Germany Conference:			
Contribution		$ 15.00	$ 15.00

Japan Mission

Contributions		$ 624.14	
Bequests:			
Direct	$ 260.00		
Matured Annuities	500.00	760.00	

Boards of Christian Education:			
Support of missionaries		415.69	
Support of native worker		25.00	
Field Receipts		$10,320.39	$ 12,145.22

China Mission

Contributions		$ 4,923.08	
Bequests:			
Direct	$ 981.12		
Matured Annuities	500.00	1,481.12	
Boards of Christian Education:			
E.L.C.E. Contributions	$ 5.00		
Support of missionaries	36.98		
Support of native workers	503.02	545.00	
Distributable H. & F. Account		1,716.00	
Field Receipts		646.49	$ 9,311.69

Africa Mission

Contributions		$ 1,677.78	
Direct		510.00	
Bequests:			
Boards of Christian Education:			
Contributions	$ 364.43		
Support of missionaries	550.02		
E.L.C.E. Contributions	33.00	947.45	$ 3,135.23
GENERAL TREASURY—TOTAL RECEIPTS			$373,026.58

GENERAL TREASURY — DISBURSEMENTS

American Conferences

Atlantic		$ 7,000.00
California		2,000.00
Colorado		11,832.00
Kansas		2,000.00
Michigan		4,000.00
Montana		9,500.00
Nebraska		12,000.00
New England — Regular	$5,000.00	
Special	931.47	5,931.47
North Dakota		7,000.00
Northwest Canada — Regular	$13,883.33	
B.S. — Special	300.00	14,183.33

Oregon-Washington		10,500.00	
Pittsburgh		2,200.00	
South Dakota — Regular	$ 6,000.00		
Special	1,000.00	7,000.00	
Texas		4,500.00	$ 99,646.80

Grants on "Plan for Aid"

Minnesota — Oakland Avenue, Minneapolis	$ 2,000.00	
Wisconsin — Wauwatosa	2,000.00	$ 4,000.00

Italian Mission

Salaries of missionaries		$ 6,202.00	
Rents of missionaries		535.00	
Kenosha, Pulpit Supply		107.23	
Mission Council Meeting expenses		43.50	
Superintendent's expenses		42.10	
Travel Expense — Rev. R. E. Plowman		92.40	
Property appraisal — Milwaukee parsonage		5.00	
Local Mission Expenses:			
Milwaukee	$ 1,338.76		
Racine	400.28		
Kenosha	433.07	$ 2,172.11	$ 9,199.34

Kentucky Mission

Appropriations		$22,072.54	
Special appropriations and grants:			
File Incorporation papers	$ 27.50		
Jack's Creek lights	20.00		
Painting hospital	87.07		
Roofing house, Beverly	125.00		
Fire protection	160.00		
Garage	300.00		
Fire Escapes	2,755.00	3,474.57	
Insurance, second year (1941)		719.72	
Medical examinations		8.00	
Travel expense, new missionaries to field		709.35	
Travel expense, Missionary Officials		52.32	
Mission Gifts received in Kentucky		1,114.55	
Field Receipts		19,766.99	$ 47,918.04

European Missions

East Germany	$ 3,650.00	
Poland	1,572.50	
Latvia	773.48	
South Germany	4,435.78	

Switzerland		$ 8,848.00	
Switzerland for France		1,300.00	10,148.00
West Germany			4,216.66 $ 24,796.42

Germany Undistributed Appropriation

East Germany		$ 447.75	
East Germany for Poland		285.84	
South Germany		695.95	
West Germany		634.00	$ 2,063.54

Japan Mission

Salaries of missionaries paid in America		$ 5,075.98	
Rents paid in America		120.00	
Furlough travel of missionaries		590.56	
Rev. M. Wada, Japan Conference, Scholarship E.T.S.		300.00	
Parting Gift—Japan Conference:			
Balance for 1941	$ 9,000.00		
Advance for 1942	8,500.00		
Advance for 1943	7,500.00	$25,000.00	
Evangelical Bible Women	5,000.00	$30,000.00	
Field Receipts expended by the Mission		10,320.39	
Drafts for Mission Expenses	$35,809.16		
Drafts for Emergencies	4,500.00	$40,309.16	$ 86,716.09

China Mission

Salaries of missionaries paid in America	$ 4,583.01	
Rents paid in America	480.00	
Copy—six deeds of China properties	6.00	
Furlough travel of missionaries	415.81	
Medical examinations	56.00	
Outfit allowance — new missionaries	200.00	
Travel expenses — new missionaries	535.31	
Field Receipts expended by the Mission	646.49	
Drafts for Mission Expenses	18,223.71	$ 25,146.33

Africa Mission

Salaries of missionaries paid in America	$ 5,131.63	
Rents paid in America	190.00	
National Bible Institute, R. E. Plowman registration	80.00	
Furlough travel of missionaries	147.35	
Drafts for Mission Expenses	2,000.00	$ 7,548.98

Salaries and Allowances

Bollman, William L.	$ 3,200.00	
Heinmiller, Carl (60%)	1,920.00	
Stenographers, Bookkeeper and Office Help	3,075.40	
Johnson, Mrs. Hannah E.	540.00	
Wiener, Mrs. Dorothy	630.00	
Plantikow, Mrs. F. R.	90.00	$ 9,455.40

Travel Expenses

Bollman, William L.	$ 483.06	
Heinmiller, Carl	252.12	
Executive Committee Meetings	1,164.93	
Board of Missions Meeting (1940)	1,057.07	$ 2,957.18

Interest

On Annuities	$14,610.34	
On W. M. S. Standing Funds	841.99	
On other Funds and Washington, D. C., properties	843.55	$ 16,295.88

Postage

Children's Day Materials	$ 285.62	
Christian World Facts	35.00	
Church Periodicals to Missionaries	23.40	
Clipper Airmail to Europe and China	129.00	
Foreign Missions Day Materials	251.56	
Missions Lending Library	42.00	
Prayer Topic Cards	26.46	
Secretaries' Offices	662.41	
World Communion Sunday Materials	22.50	
Year Books	77.75	$ 1,555.70

Printing

Acknowledgements	$ 289.53	
Books and Supplies	337.19	
Children's Day Programs and Materials	1,399.30	
Cuts and Electros	34.56	
Foreign Missions Day Programs and Materials	830.32	
World Communion Sunday, Materials	37.76	
Year Books	800.16	$ 3,728.82

Grants for Special Missionary Purposes

Foreign Missions Conference of N. A.		
Regular Grant	$375.00	
Special Grant	50.00	
East Asia Committee	40.00	$465.00

Home Missions Council:			
Regular Grant	$100.00		
Special Grant	25.00	125.00	
General Committee for Army and Navy		100.00	
Missionary Education Movement		75.00	
United Stewardship Council		25.00	
Student Volunteer Movement		15.00	$ 805.00
Minnesota Conference for Rochester Hospital		250.00	
Board of Social Action for Men in National Service		500.00	$ 1,555.00

General Expense

Attorneys Expenses	$ 61.25		
Expressage	40.27		
German Translations	20.00		
History of Missions	221.48		
Office Supplies	612.01		
Promotional Special Account	246.70		
Properties, Insurance, Taxes, etc.	886.66		
Survey expenses, "Plan for Aid"	93.24		
Telephone and Telegraph	338.38		
Rent	1,000.00	$ 3,519.99	
Auditors		300.00	
Bonding of Officials (Exec. Sec., Treas. and Office Secretary		100.00	
Box Rental, one year		13.88	
Children's Day Plates		10.00	
Children's Day Posters		243.10	
Christian World Facts		127.61	
Cost operating Canadian Exchange Treasury		5.50	
Delegates Expenses:			
Home Missions Council	$208.12		
Committee on Far East Affairs	152.52		
Conference, Outgoing Missionaries	37.40	$ 398.04	
Group Insurance		$ 82.78	
Foreign Missions Conference Annual Re-		45.71	
Foreign Missions Day Posters		264.41	
Subscriptions to magazines		$ 11.00	

Special-Koronis expenses	$ 68.76	
Blue Springs, Neb., repairs	130.00	198.76
Three per cent on salaries, Superannuation Fund		1,179.33
Miscellaneous items		146.31
		$ 6,646.42
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS— GENERAL TREASURY		$349,229.94

GENERAL TREASURY

Total Receipts	$373,026.58
Total Disbursements	349,229.94
Balance in General Treasury— August 31, 1941	$ 23,796.64

SPECIAL MISSION FUNDS

Accounts	*Balance in Account, Aug. 31, 1940*	*Receipts*	*Disbursements*	*Balance, Aug. 31, 1941*
Africa Water System	$ 631.16	$ 18.94	.....	$ 650.10
Africa Medical Missionary and Equipment	2,229.13	.....	.....	2,229.13
China Church Bldg. A Friend	3,000.00	.....	.....	3,000.00
China, Eichenauer Church Building Fund	250.00	.....	.....	250.00
China Relief	49.25	7,835.01	7,699.88	184.38
Orphaned Missions	.....	2,300.00	2,300.00	.....
DeWall Memorial Industrial Building	750.00	.....	.....	750.00
Gruhler Bequest Fund	8,000.00	.....	.....	8,000.00
European Relief	385.90	504.75	.....	890.65
Forward Movement Annuity Contract	3,700.00	.....	.....	3,700.00
Japan Tokyo Bible School Endowment	1,356.32	.....	.....	1,356.32

Single Ladies Missionary Retirement Fund, Capital	15,000.00	.....	.....	15,000.00
Single Ladies Missionary Retirement Fund — Dues	.....	184.75	.....	184.75
Single Ladies Missionary Retirement Fund — Current Expenses	.....	450.00	127.63	322.37
TOTALS	$35,351.76	$11,293.45	$10,127.51	$36,517.70

BALANCE SHEET — AUGUST 31, 1941

Annuity Current	$	$ 231,638.06
Annuity Permanent	.....	48,650.00
Africa Medical Missionary and Equipment	.....	2,229.13
Africa Water System	.....	650.10
Bank Deposits: Commercial:		
Cleveland Trust Company	65,589.95	.....
National City Bank	41,345.81	.....
Bank Deposits: Savings:		
American Savings Bank, Cleveland	5,094.12	.....
Cleveland Trust Company	5,770.20	.....
Central National Bank, Cleveland	5,047.04	.....
Capital Bank, Cleveland	5,126.00	.....
Commercial Savings Bank, Cleveland	5,109.00	.....
Croghan Bank & Savings Co., Fremont	5,094.19	.....
Farmers & Citizens Savings Bank, Bucyrus	5,142.99	.....
Morris Plan Bank of Cleveland	8,250.00	.....
National City Bank, Cleveland	8,094.44	.....
Society for Savings of Cleveland	8,750.00	.....
China Property and Buildings	98,087.39	.....
Conferences and Churches	311,264.11	.....
China Relief	.....	184.38
China Mission — Eichenauer Church Bldg.	.....	250.00
Church Building in China — A Friend	.....	3,000.00
China Girls' Boarding School, Reserve Fund	.....	467.20

Balance Sheet *(Continued)*

China Conference, Pension Fund		4,002.36
China — Brandauer Memorial Bldg. Project		100.00
David Estate		6,500.00
DeWall Memorial Industrial Building		750.00
European Relief		890.65
Exchange Treasury Canada	5,779.92	
Forward Movement Annuity Contract		3,700.00
Fecke Annuity Contract	885.00	
General Treasury		23,796.64
Germany Undistributed Appropriation:		
East Germany		447.75
East Germany for Poland		285.84
South Germany		695.95
West Germany		634.00
Gruhler Bequest Fund		8,000.00
Individual Notes	850.00	
Japan Property and Buildings	402,522.59	
Japan Tokyo Bible School Endowment		1,356.32
Johnstown, G. W.—tax account		2.49
Kentucky Mission Building Fund		5,824.42
Land Contract—Dr. A. E. Clark	2,305.45	
Luckel Bequest for Reut. Sem. (inhert. tax)	446.45	
Mortgages	11,252.78	
Property Special Account		442,045.85
Permanent Funds—Europe		7,003.20
" " Edward Michaelis		6,000.00
" " Foreign		21,248.92
" " General		120,100.83
" " Clara S. Meckel		800.00
" " John C. Stutz		7,000.00
" " Fred Haumerson, Sr.		1,500.00
" " Ruth Halle		500.00
" " Forward Movement		100,000.00
" " A Good Mother		50.00
" " Adolph Hilker		1,000.00
" " J. B. Kanaga		50.00
" " Massueger		6,865.00
" " E. V. Powell		100.00
" " Mrs. Kate Stoke		7,131.96
" " John T. Shelly		37,000.00
" " Helvetia		2,400.00
" " Catherine E. Zimmerman		500.00

Balance Sheet *(Continued)*

"	"	Susan DeTurk	.....	30,000.00
"	"	John Haffenrichter	.....	4,510.00
"	"	Sarah C. Hulshy ..	.....	4,900.00
"	"	Missionary Preparation ..	.....	15,000.00
"	"	Mrs. E. M. Spreng	.....	13,066.64
"	"	John David	.....	995.67
"	"	Mrs. M. C. Egger ..	.....	2,000.00
"	"	Edward Graff	.....	500.00
"	"	John and Barbara Spieth	.....	100.00
"	"	Anna Spieth Dillworth	.....	100.00
"	"	Rev. A. G. Dornheim	.....	100.00
"	"	Mrs. Mary Ecki ..	.....	500.00
"	"	Henry M. Stine ...	.....	250.00
Real Estate Owned			333,155.38	.....
Reserve Fund—Permanent			.....	147,499.57
Reserve Account for Losses			.....	540.00
Special Funds			.....	13,600.00
Stocks and Bonds			18,745.30	.....
Schwalm, Mrs. Sevilla, Bond Account			.....	2,000.00
Schickedanz, John F. Estate (inher. tax)			428.65	.....
Single Ladies Missionary Retirement Fund—Capital Account			.....	15,000.00
Single Ladies Missionary Retirement Fund—Dues Account			.....	184.75
Single Ladies Missionary Retirement Fund—Current Expense Account			.....	322.37
Union Properties, Inc., Cleveland			2,383.29	.....
TOTALS			$1,356,520.05	$1,356,520.05

AUXILIARY TREASURIES

Summary

Conferences	*Balance at Beginning of Year*	*Current Receipts*	*Disbursements*
Atlantic	$ 3,686.79	$ 18,990.50	$ 19,050.00
California	385.75	7,500.04	6,892.53
Canada	6,713.33	11,707.45	11,140.76
Central Pennsylvania	.....	22,560.23	22,525.23

Conferences	*Balance at Beginning of Year*	*Current Receipts*	*Disbursements*
Colorado	317.90	15,031.93	14,965.00
East Pennsylvania	98.32	14,884.78	14,958.56
East Germany (and Poland)	.....	10,950.00	10,950.00
Illinois	677.79	21,462.17	20,436.79
Indiana	17.09	21,053.77	20,568.59
Iowa	34.94	11,095.79	10,973.25
Kansas	814.81	14,395.74	14,684.13
Michigan	2,177.77	10,433.18	11,587.29
Minnesota	4,364.47	17,284.08	16,208.40
Montana	47.23	11,405.00	11,351.95
Nebraska	4,268.35	17,102.07	19,213.36
New England	323.80	6,981.77	6,511.25
New York	891.02	5,298.02	4,466.95
North Dakota	1,093.51	9,585.58	9,681.47
North West Canada	622.15	16,182.95	16,126.63
Ohio	3,078.09	27,099.46	26,601.08
Oregon-Washington	953.73	15,008.23	15,096.77
Pittsburgh	427.64	10,717.56	10,648.77
South Dakota	1,491.41	9,798.91	9,415.93
South Germany	.....	15,000.00	15,000.00
Switzerland and France	.....	18,000.00	18,000.00
Texas	881.41	5,692.87	5,544.27
West Germany	.....	13,000.00	13,000.00
Wisconsin	1,242.85	21,660.00	22,207.95
Woman's Department:			
Woman's Missionary Society	.....	147,426.87	147,426.87
W.M.S. Branches Expenses	.....	8,774.82	8,774.82
W.M.S. Auxiliaries Expenses	.....	15,610.51	15,610.51
W.M.S. Conference Missionary Societies	.....	23,835.99	23,835.99
TOTALS	$34,610.15	$595,530.27	$593,455.10
**Less amounts accounted for in General Treasury	.....	$295,706.08	$295,706.08
TOTALS	.....	$299,824.19	$297,749.02

Summary

**Explanation:

Amounts accounted for in General Treasury:		
Paid by General Treasury to:		
American Conferences	$ 99,646.80	
European Conferences	24,796.42	
W.M.S. Department:		
Conference Missionary Societies	23,835.99	
Woman's Missionary Society (General)	147,426.87	
TOTALS	$295,706.08	$295,706.08
General Treasury:	*Receipts*	*Disbursements*
North American Missions	$348,419.44	$202,958.58
European Missions	15.00	26,859.96
Japan Mission	12,145.22	86,716.09
China Mission	9,311.69	25,146.33
Africa Mission	3,135.23	7,548.98
	$373,026.58	$349,229.94
Auxiliary Treasuries	299,824.19	297,749.02
Special Mission Funds	11,293.45	10,127.51
GRAND TOTAL	$684,144.22	$657,106.47
Average per member (Current Income Only)	$ 2.83	$ 2.95

W. L. Bollman.

Treasurer.

AUDITOR'S REPORT

CARD, PALMER AND SIBBISON
Union Commerce Building
Cleveland, Ohio

September 23, 1941.

BISHOP G. E. EPP, *President,*
The Board of Missions of the Evangelical Church,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Sir

We have made an examination of the books and financial records of the Treasurer, Dr. W. L. Bollman, of THE MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF THE EVANGELICAL CHURCH for the fiscal year ended August 31, 1941, and have prepared therefrom the accompanying statements and supporting schedules.

Our examination was limited to a review of the books and financial records, without corresponding with borrowers for the purpose of obtaining independent confirmation of their indebtedness, but included confirmation of each on deposit and inspection of securities. We also traced all recorded cash receipts into bank deposits as shown by bank statements on file and examined cancelled checks in support of all recorded cash disbursements, but we did not verify transactions of the Canadian Exchange Treasury or of the various home and foreign missions.

The investments in loans, securities, real estate and Union Properties, Inc., notes are stated in this report at book values, without adjustment for possible losses in view of market values at August 31, 1941.

We did not inquire into the present status of title in foreign mission properties, as to which there may be considerable doubt because of war-time conditions abroad.

The real estate account as of August 31, 1941, includes the Albright Memorial Church, Washington, D. C., at a book value of $119,691.00. This property is to be deeded to the Central Pennsylvania Conference of The Evangelical Church as soon as legal matters incidental to its transfer have been negotiated.

In our opinion, subject to the exceptions stated in the preceding paragraphs and to the comments on the scope of our examination, the accompanying statements and schedules present fairly the assets and accountabilities of the Society as of August 31, 1941, and the cash transactions for the year.

Respectfully submitted,

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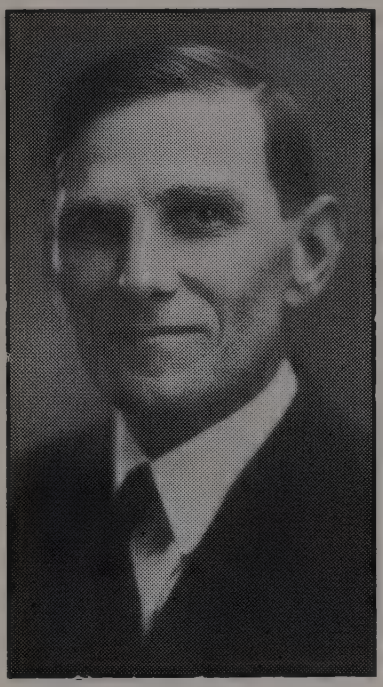
ANNUAL REPORT OF THE JAPAN MISSION EVANGELICAL CHURCH—1940-1941

Rev. Paul S. Mayer, D.D., Superintendent

The union of all the Protestant churches and complete independence of all financial aid from abroad are the two facts that stand out as one looks back over the events of the past year. Church union and financial independence have from the beginning of the Christian movement in Japan been goals of the church. Commendable progress towards the achievement of these goals has been made during the eighty years



Rev. Paul S. Mayer, D.D.

of the history of the Protestant churches in Japan. A few years ago I made a short study of the self support of the Japanese churches. At that time, of the approximately two thousand churches, one half were self supporting. As far as church union is concerned, committees have been working on this problem, but it did not seem as if the union of the Protestant churches would be accomplished in the very near future. Now, however, in the course of six months the Pro-

testant churches in Japan have publicly announced that they would unite and that they would become financially independent of foreign support.

When we inquire into the causes that have brought about this sudden consummation of the two goals towards which the church was slowly moving, we must say that the chief cause was the upsurging of the national spirit of the Japanese people. The nation has set itself for the establishment of a new order in the Far East. The new order means among other things less dependence on foreign influence and greater reliance on things Japanese. Such a tendency naturally has affected all phases of Japanese life, political, social, economic and spiritual. The church of course could not escape coming under the influence of the prevailing spirit. The effect on the church has expressed itself in the two movements towards union and self support.

The first indications of possible trouble for the Christian movement came last summer when the Salvation Army which received some financial aid from Britain and which was also closely connected with the headquarters of the Army in London was investigated by the authorities. As a result the few foreign officers connected with the Salvation Army felt compelled to leave, the name was changed to Salvation Corps, connection with London was cut and a number of other changes was made. It seemed as if the Seikokwai (Episcopal) would be the next Christian body to undergo investigation. Of the ten bishops, four were British, three American and three Japanese. Investigation however was avoided when the resignation of all the foreign bishops was asked for and received.

On August 15th and 16th a retreat was held at the Woman's Christian University under the auspices of the Kirssutokyo Doshikwai, an organization composed of men and women who were particularly interested in church union. At this retreat, those present recognizing the general trend of affairs and realizing also that some drastic action was necessary, decided that the time had come for the Protestant churches in Japan to unite and also to declare themselves independent of foreign aid. Bishop Y. Abe of the Japan Methodist church in his capacity as chairman of the National Christian Council assumed the leadership in this movement. In the course of three weeks twenty-six meetings were held to discuss the matter. It was finally decided to send letters in the name of the Council to all the denominations, asking them to vote on these two questions. Denomination after denomination met to discuss these issues and all of them with one or two exceptions voted unanimously in favor of church union and complete self support.

The year 1940 commemorated the 2600th anniversary of the founding of the Japanese empire. October 17th was the day when this nation of 70,000,000 people united to observe this historic event. On this memorable day twenty thousand Christians gathered on the grounds of Aoyama Gakuin, the large Methodist School in Tokyo. In the presence of this great throng of people public announcement was made that the Protestant churches in the empire had decided to unite into one church and also to become independent of all financial aid from abroad. Immediately after this epoch making meeting, a large commission on church union was appointed. Bishop Abe was made chairman. It was divided into four sections: organization, creed, orders and finance. The commission as a whole and the sections in separate sessions held many meetings and gradually an outline of union has evolved. There is to be one official head of the united church, called Torisha in Japanese. There will be one name and one creed. A general conference or general assembly will be held annually. The whole country, including Korea and Formosa, is to be divided into eleven dioceses. The setting up conference of the united church is planned for June 24th and 25th. Recognition by the Department of Education will not be granted before that time. All of the Protestant churches with the exception of the Seikokwai (Episcopal) and the Seventh Day Adventists have entered the union. The attitude of the Salvation Corps (Army) has not yet been defined. Absolute union does not seem to be possible at this time. Hence it is planned to have a system of "branches". There will be ten such "branches", representing the major trends in the Protestant movement, such as Presbyterian, Methodist, Congregational, Baptist, Lutheran, Holiness, etc. These "branches" are to be classified numerically, the Presbyterian "branch" being known as "Branch One", the Methodist as "Branch Two" and so on. Should the Salvation Corps join the united church, the number of "branches" would be increased to eleven.

The Evangelical Church and The Crisis

The Evangelical Church in Japan, being a part of the Christian movement in this country, together with the other churches, faced the situation as stated above. Upon the receipt of the letter from the National Christian Council, asking the churches to declare their attitude towards the two proposals, ministers and lay representatives from each of the churches met in the Krecker Memorial Building in the early part of September. For two days the position that the Evangelical Church should take was thoroughly considered from

every angle. The result was a unanimous vote in favor of both proposals. This decision on the part of the Evangelical people in Japan must not be interpreted as an expression of any dissatisfaction with the Evangelical Church. Neither was it an expression of any lack of appreciation of what the Church in America and Europe had done for them. It must be remembered that our people together with the Christians of the empire were facing an unprecedented crisis and the action decided upon by our church and by all the churches in Japan was taken with the larger interests of the Kingdom of God in view.

When it became apparent that complete union was impossible, our church had to face the question of what "branch" of the united church it would join. Being a church with a very marked Methodist background and furthermore having been affiliated with the Methodist Theological Seminary for more than twenty-five years, it would seem that the natural course would be to enter the "Methodist Branch". However, after a very careful consideration of this matter, it was decided to cast in our lot with "Branch Three", which is the Congregational "branch". There are two very distinct reasons which led us to adopt this course. In the first place, when it seemed for a time that the smaller denominations by getting together might be able to form a "branch" of their own, the Disciples of Christ, the United Brethren and the Evangelicals held frequent meetings. In the course of the discussions they decided that in case they were unable to form their own "branch", they would go together into some larger "branch". When it became clear that the formation of a separate "branch", composed of the smaller denominations, was impossible, a choice of a larger "branch" had to be made. Since the United Brethren and the Disciples of Christ strongly favored "Branch Three", the Evangelical Church adopted the same course.The more important reason is that our people feel that in "Branch Three" it will be easier to conserve the spirit of our church. As loyal sons and daughters of Jacob Albright they have the conviction that the simple faith of our church, its emphasis on holy living and its zeal for evangelism are contributions that we can make to the united church and that such contribution can best be made through the freer system of "Branch Three".

Missionaries and The Crisis

Caught between the crisis in the church and the tense international situation, the missionary movement in Japan found itself in a most difficult position. On the one hand the missionary was asked to resign from all official and administrative

positions in the church. If he was a teacher, he discovered that it was impossible for him to teach anything but languages. All subjects that have anything to do with the thought life of the people were forbidden subjects as far as the missionary was concerned. Some of his English Bible classes had to be discontinued. Evangelistic work by the missionary, especially in the country districts, was practically impossible. Preaching in the churches and visiting the people in their homes, frequently brought embarrassment to the preachers and the people.

On the other hand because of dangerous international situations, missionaries have been advised by their governments to evacuate. American missionaries in Japan have been informed twice by their government that it would be advisable for all who were not absolutely needed to return home.

As a result of the situation, briefly outlined above, the number of missionaries in Japan has greatly decreased. Of the six hundred or more missionaries on this field, at least seventy-five per cent had left by the end of March and by the beginning of July, it is estimated that not many more than one hundred will remain. The Missionary Society of the Church of England in Canada, the Seventh Day Adventists and the Wesleyan Methodists have withdrawn as a body. The United Brethren and the Scandinavian Alliance missions have no missionary on the field. Other missions are reduced to a single representative. The Methodist Board of Missions has ordered the withdrawal of all of its missionaries for the time being. The islands of Kyushu, Shikoku and Hokkaido, and such urban centers as Nagasaki, Fukuoka, Hiroshima, Kobe, Osaka, Nagoya, Kyoto and Yokohama, in all of which places there were until recently flourishing missionary communities, are now practically deserted.

The Evangelical mission with nine missionaries remaining is the largest proportionately speaking of any of the missions. Just what will happen to the missionary movement in Japan cannot be predicted at this time. The future will depend not only upon the international situation, but far more upon the attitude that the united church takes towards the missionary.

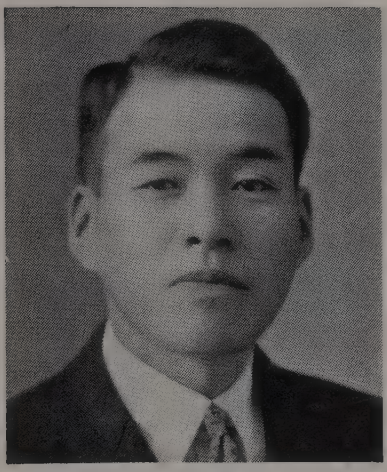
Japanese Churches Strive For Better Relations

Protestant churches in Japan have been greatly concerned over the strained relations existing between Japan and the United States. The National Christian Council through its committee on Better Relations between Japan and America decided to send a Christian Fellowship Deputation to the United States. The purpose of this Deputation is to strive for a betterment of Japanese-American relations, to strengthen

the bond between the Christians of both lands, to convey the greetings of the united church and to make clear the purpose of its establishment, to express the gratitude of the Christians in Japan for the missionary work of the past eighty years, to discuss further policies of cooperation and to confer regarding the reconstruction of the Christian mission in Eastern Asia in its relation to the churches of Japan and the United States. The idea of sending such a Deputation arose entirely among the Christians themselves. Every sen of the expense was financed through personal gifts. The initial contribution of Y 5000 came from the Presbyterian church in Sakai, a city located near Osaka. There were no government subsidies. The personnel of the Deputation was carefully selected. The head of the Deputation was Rev. S. Tada, pastor of the large Presbyterian church at Kochi. Other members are Bishop Y. Abe, Rev. M. Kozaki, pastor of the Reinanzaka Congregational Church, Tokyo; Dr. T. Kagawa, famous Japanese Christian; Mr. S. Saito, general secretary of the National Y. M. C. A.; Miss Michi Kawai, principal of the Keisei Girls' School; Mr. T. Matsuyama, M. P., prominent Congregational layman; Rev. K. Ogawa, associate of Dr. Kagawa and Dr. Wm. Axling, honorary secretary of the National Christian Council. Unfortunately Rev. Tada died just before the departure of the Deputation. Bishop Abe was chosen to succeed him as the leader of the group.

Annual Conference Session

The 49th annual session of the Japan Conference convened in the Koishikawa church, March 5-9, 1941. It is hardly necessary to say that this session was one of the most important held since the organization of the Japan Conference in 1893. Rev. K. Shinohara was again elected chairman and under his skilfull leadership the business was handled with dispatch. The terms of three of the District Superintendents had expired. As a result of the balloting Rev. G. Fujisaki and Rev. M. Kuyama were reelected and Rev. K. Shinohara was newly elected. Rev. I. Harada is continuing his work in China; Rev. D. Morita, after thirty years of faithful service, asked to be superannuated; Rev. Y. Ota has taken a position with the Okayama prefectural authorities; three young men who had graduated from the seminary were received as preachers on trial and two candidates for the seminary were favorably voted on. There has been no death among the ministers of the conference, but three laymen, who had been members of the annual conference, died during the year. A memorial service was held for them. The conference was again favored by the presence of a number of fraternal delegates. Rev. M.



Rev. S. Hirono
Delegate to the Board of Missions
and General Conference 1938

Rev. K. Shinohara
Chairman of Japan Conference—
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Kozaki, representing the National Christian Council; Rev. K. Fujioka, chairman of the committee on organization of the Commission on Church Union; Rev. S. Terao, a pastor of the United Brethren church; Dr. Z. Watanabe, dean of the Theological Department of Aoyama Gakuin and Mr. H. Ishige, one of the officers of the Purity League of Japan and a member of our Josai church, brought stimulating messages.

The Committee on Rural Evangelism reported the continuation of its important work on behalf of rural populations. Rural Gospel Schools were held as usual and Sunday Schools in rural communities were helped. Six of our fields in the country and the Boshi Home were given financial assistance to carry on this necessary work.

Confronted by the problem of self support, the conference began a study of its fields. As far as possible, it is hoped to continue most of our fields, but those on which there is overlapping or where there does not seem to be much prospect of growth will be combined with other fields or dropped. The conference took action in regard to two such fields. Kita Osaka was combined with Hannan, Osaka, and Hiroji was made a part of the Nagoya field. Sakaki in Nagano prefec-

ture was taken up as a new field. Sakaki is the native place of Mr. Miyahara, for many years the class leader of our Yokosuka church. When Mr. Miyahara retired from his work in Yokosuka, he returned to his native place with the express desire of establishing a church there. With his own funds he bought a house in which he began meetings. The Japan Conference in 1939 made him a local preacher. This year his son graduated from the seminary and the father asked that Sakaki be taken up as a field with no expense to the conference and that his son be stationed there. The conference gladly granted both requests.

Contrary to our fears, the statistics for the year show a decided gain in most respects. The following figures will bear out this statement.

	1939-40	1940-41
Baptisms	149	190
Total gain in members	242	290
Present membership	2817	2994
Net gain in membership	62	177
Sunday Schools	52	51
Teachers and pupils	3490	3666
C. E. Societies	28	30
Members	303	429
Amount raised for pastors' salary	Y14,333.00	Y18,165.89
Total for all purposes	Y34,486.00	Y39,921.36
Average per member	Y 12.43	Y 14.17

The larger number of baptisms and additions to the church is no doubt due in part to the Forward Movement inaugurated by the Japan Conference several years ago. This Movement has stressed evangelism and has financially aided the churches to carry on special evangelistic efforts. Both Sunday Schools and Christian Endeavor Societies show a satisfactory gain. The increase in total contributions and also in the average per member is gratifying. It is an indication of the fact that the spirit of self support is growing among our people.

The major emphasis of the 49th annual session of the conference was on self support. Since the united church from the day of its organization is to be entirely independent of foreign aid, it was quite natural that the problem of self support should loom up largely in all discussions and decisions of the conference. Hitherto only one of our congregations, the Koishikawa church, was completely self supporting. The fact that we had only one such church was due largely to the high standard of self support which our conference maintained. Only a church that could pay the highest amount in the scale of pastors' salaries was considered self supporting.

This highest amount was Y100 per month. The conference took action to reduce the maximum to Y80. It is highly gratifying to be able to report that at the conference ten additional congregations declared themselves ready to assume complete self support. Other churches are very near goal.

The problem of self support is complicated however by the fact that a number of our fields lack the necessary equipment either as a whole or in part. Of our thirty-six fields, only eight are equipped with church and parsonages buildings and also own the land on which these buildings stand. Six of the fields do not have church buildings, eighteen do not possess parsonages, and the buildings of eleven stand on rented land. In some instances we have to pay a high rental each month. Four of the fields have none of the equipment mentioned above. It is quite evident that before many of these fields can become really self supporting this problem of equipment must be solved.

As far as the time element is concerned, it seemed to be the general opinion that a plan of self support covering three years should be worked out. A representative committee of ten was appointed to whom this difficult problem was entrusted.

Biblewomen

We were able to appoint twenty-eight Biblewomen. Of this number twenty-five were appointed to churches and one each to the Boshi Home, the Orphanage and the Goten Machi Social Center. Since the work of the Biblewoman is a part of the church program, it has become necessary to consider how this work may be made self supporting. Hitherto just as in other churches the Biblewoman has been supported largely by funds from abroad. In the Evangelical church the congregations which have had Biblewomen have usually paid one yen per month towards the salary of such workers. The only exception has been the Koishikawa church which at various times has paid the salary in full. Hereafter, however, each congregation will be asked to contribute three yen per month. A few have assumed five yen and two are paying ten yen towards the salary of the Biblewoman. It is expected that next year the amount will be doubled. Plans are being made looking towards the self support of this work after three years.

Missionary Personnel

It is not to be expected that the crisis which has confronted the missionary movement in Japan would pass without affecting the personnel of our own mission. As has already been stated, compared with other missions, changes in per-

sonnel among our missionaries have not been so great. Nevertheless we regret very much to record here that some of our devoted and efficient workers have had to leave Japan. The first to go were Rev. and Mrs. W. J. Deckinger, who left us in November, 1940. Mr. and Mrs. Deckinger, although they had spent only two years in Japan, had made a large place for themselves both among the Japanese and the missionaries. They left for health reasons, after the first advice to evacuate had been issued by the American authorities.

No further changes were contemplated by our group, but early in 1941 the second advice was given for all women and children and older persons, who were not absolutely needed, to return. This second advice had the effect of persuading quite a number of mothers to leave with their children. As a result it became increasingly difficult to carry on such educational institutions as the Canadian Academy and the American School, institutions in which children from abroad were receiving their education. It was this situation which finally induced Mrs. Thede to leave Japan with the three Thede children. Mr. Thede remained on the field to continue his work. The Thedes left on March 27th. The same ship also took from Japan Miss Susan Bauernfeind, who had come to Japan in 1900 as the first representative of the Woman's Missionary Society to be sent out. Miss Bauernfeind left the work to which she had given over forty years of devoted service because it seemed unwise for any person of her age to remain here as long as the international situation was so uncertain. We regret the departure of these workers, but we are deeply grateful for the work that they have been able to accomplish.

Miss Verna S. Hertzler returned to Japan in September, 1940, just before the situation became acute. She has again resumed her work in Osaka. Miss Irene Anderson's furlough is due in June or July. The health of the missionaries during the past year has been excellent in spite of added burdens and cares.

Our Educational Work

The various phases of our educational work in Japan have enjoyed a good year, as the following brief summary will indicate.

Aoyama Theological Seminary. The enrollment in this institution was 71, of whom 42 were young men and 29 young women. Five Evangelical students were among the number. The 58th graduation ceremony was held on March 7, 1941, at which time 11 young men and 6 young women received diplomas after finishing the required work. Among the graduates were three of our own young men. Since two of our Evangelicals entered the Seminary at the beginning of the new

term in April, we shall have four Seminary students for the coming year.

Tokyo Bible School. Under the leadership of Rev. G. Okada, the Tokyo Bible School has completed another successful year. The total enrollment was 54, of whom 28 were in the regular Biblewomen's department, 16 in the English department and ten in the Music Department. Sixteen teachers comprised the staff, most of them however giving only part time to this work. Graduation exercises were held on March 20th. Mrs. T. Uemura, daughter of one of the most famous Japanese pastors, and herself a minister, gave the address. Eight young women completed the course. They have all been assigned positions either with the Evangelical church or with some other Christian body. The endowment fund of the School stands at Y 29,105.65.

The future of the School, in case foreign funds should be cut off, is the cause of some concern. One possible solution would be to dispose of the present property which is quite valuable and invest in new property in the suburbs of Tokyo. A large number of schools in this city have followed such a plan. At the present time, however, no definite plan has been evolved.

Kindergarten Training School. The Kindergarten Training School is a part of the Eiwa Jo Gakko, the large girls' school established by the United Church of Canada Mission. Two years ago we affiliated with Kindergarten Training Department of the school. The arrangement has been highly satisfactory. The enrollment for the year has been 59, of which number, 8 were Evangelical girls. The number of graduates was 32, including two girls from Siam, one from Korea and one from Formosa. Four of our girls graduated and were given work in our kindergartens.

Miss Lois Lehman, the head of the Kindergarten Training School, returned to America in December. Her place was taken by Miss Kunugi, one of the teachers trained in the United States.

An effort was made to combine the Training School with the Women's Department of the Theological Seminary at Aoyama. All plans were made to begin this new arrangement from the beginning of April, 1941, but at the last moment the Department of Education refused to grant permission and hence the Training School is still carried on in the building of the Eiwa Jo Gakko.

Deaf Oral School. The Deaf Oral School was opened on April 28, 1920, in our Ushigome church. 1940 was therefore the time when the twentieth anniversary of the School was to be observed. Because of the absence of Dr. and Mrs.

Reischauer in America, the anniversary celebration was postponed until October 19th. One hundred and fifty-three persons, friends of the School, contributed Y 2682.80 as a special gift on this occasion. This money was used to make various improvements in the School. It has also been announced that friends abroad have given approximately Y 10,000 for a dormitory.

The School has had a prosperous year. The enrollment was 72. Five graduated from the middle school department. Sixteen teachers are employed, ten of them giving full time to the work.

Dr. Reischauer became seriously ill and had to return to America early in March. The School property, which has been held in Dr. Reischauer's name, has been transferred to Prof. T. Yamamoto, the principal, who holds it in trust for the School. Mr. Henry Tayama has been elected treasurer in the place of Miss Lois Kramer.

Mejiro English School. Although the teaching of English has been reduced in Japanese schools to a certain extent, the Mejiro English has fared no worse than in former years. The enrollment in the afternoon department was 73. In the evening 48 young men attended. The chapel services and the English Bible classes have been maintained as usual.

Kindergartens. The kindergartens have enjoyed the best year in their history. The following facts will amply prove the above statement.

	1939-40	1940-41
Teachers	45	47
Enrollment	1221	1450
Graduates	560	606

Financially also the kindergartens are doing much better. In a number of cases the fees have been raised. A beautiful new building was erected in Riugasaki. The Chikko kindergarten has become financially self supporting since January. This increases the number of such kindergartens to four.

Perhaps the most important event in the kindergarten work for the year was the resignation of the foreign missionaries as heads of the kindergartens. This was the result of the general tendency prevailing in Japan. The place vacated by the missionaries has been taken by the pastors. We are now working on the reorganization of our kindergarten work and also making plans to put this department on a self supporting basis within five years.

Our Social Work

We have again carried on a helpful ministry to unfortunate persons through the four kinds of social work established by our missionaries. A brief résumé follows.

Boshi Home. The staff of the Boshi Home in Koriyama consisted of three kindergarten teachers, one helper with children and a young girl who served as cook. One of the kindergartners took sick before the summer and did not work in the Home after July of last year.

The enrollment in the kindergarten department was 20. Two of the children graduated in March. One of the mothers living in the Home has had charge of the Baby Department. She has taken care of four babies, one of them outside of the Home. Five mothers lived in the Home during the year, three of whom were not Christians. Bible study and prayer meetings have been held for the mothers. A Sunday School has been conducted every Sunday morning for the neighborhood children. Forty were enrolled. Older children come to the Home every Friday afternoon for Bible study, English and games.

Total income for the work of the Home was Y 2529.41, of which amount Y 1800 came from the Mission. Expenditures were Y 2455.73. There is also a permanent fund of Y 5100 and another fund of Y 1315 which is to be used for the installation of city water.

Osaka Boat Work. The enrollment of this institution was 84 for the year. Three of the former children are now workers on the staff. The hospital for mothers has again filled a great need in the life of the boat people, 175 children being born in this hospital. For various reasons Christian meetings were held for the children and the workers in the Home only. Our mission has made no financial contribution towards this work for some years, the institution being financed entirely by the fees paid by the parents and by personal contributions. During the past year one thousand persons have contributed. About 650 friends make monthly gifts towards this work.

A new building is being constructed, the ground breaking ceremony taking place on April 23rd. Two large gifts of Y 5000 each, two of Y 3000 each and one each of Y 2000 and Y 1000 have been received for the new building. When this new structure is completed, a nursery will be opened.

Mukojima Nursery. The work of the Mukojima nursery is carried on at two places, Mukojima and Senju, both large factory centers. The extent of the work done under the direction of Miss Kuecklich at these places may be inferred to some extent from the following figures:

1. Mukojima Baby Station .....enrollment	35
2. Mukojima Kindergarten	88
3. Mukojima School Children Department	56
4. Mukojima Young People's Department	16
5. Mukojima Mothers' School	60
6. Senju Kindergarten	44
	299

Thirty-four children graduated from the Mukojima kindergarten and seventeen from the Senju kindergarten. Twenty-two workers compose the staff of this busy center of social work. Extensive repairs and improvements were made during the year, costing about Y 2900. This sum was raised largely in Japan, the Mission contributing only Y 250 towards it.

Koishikawa Orphanage. When Miss Bauernfeind decided to return to America, she resigned as the head of the Orphanage and Rev. S. Hirono was elected to fill the vacancy. Miss Suzuki continues as matron. With her are associated four other workers. The total number of girls in the Home was 44. Thirteen left during the year and six were received. As usual many large gifts have been received from various sources. The government has contributed Y 1830 and other gifts amounted to Y 1014. Since Mr. Hirono has become the head of the institution, he has received several large contributions which are not included in the above figures. The Orphanage also has an endowment fund which at present totals Y 17,203.21.

The Board which governs the Orphanage has approved plans by which the institution will become self supporting after five years. One feature of the self support plan is to organize a separate Zaidan Hojin for the Orphanage (Legal Holding Body).

Our Funds

In spite of many adverse circumstances the various funds which we have been endeavoring to accumulate show some increase.

Superannuation Fund. The amount in the Superannuation Fund has at last passed the twenty thousand yen mark and now totals Y 21,180. This represents an increase of Y 1575 over the previous year. At the last conference session one pastor retired, so that the Fund is now paying pensions to six retired ministers and six widows. The sick and the death benefit features of the Fund will be discontinued as soon as the present funds for such purposes are exhausted. This step was taken because of the fact that our church has entered into the united church.

Bible School Endowment. This fund has also had a fine growth during the year. The total is Y29,105.65. This is an increase over last year of Y 5269.65.

Extension Fund. Only one loan of Y 250 was made by this fund during the year, bringing the total number of loans to 34. The amount that has been loaned by the fund is Y 11,331.02. Refunds total Y 9,274.72. The outstanding loans are Y 2056.30. During the year Y 847.27 were refunded. The amount in the fund is Y 5212.02.

Kindergarten Funds. The Maintenance Fund of the kindergartens, the interest of which is used for special projects, reports an increase of Y 678.90, raising the total to Y 5642.10. The special retiring allowance fund established two years ago has reached the amount of Y 1337.56, which is an increase of Y 929.33.

Building Fund. The Building Fund of the Japan Conference helped finance four building projects during the year. The amount expended for this purpose was Y 6268.75. A total of Y 2735.20 was refunded during the same period.

Other Funds. The status of the other funds will be seen by the accompanying figures.

Seminary Student Aid	Y 2,457.29	increase	Y 423.76
Mukojima Nursery	Y 1,360.00	"	Y 125.00
Boshi Home	Y 5,100.00	"	Y 1,100.00
Biblewomen's pension	Y 3,690.00	"	Y 130.00
Shadan	Y 3,300.00	"	Y 900.00
Kindergarten Teachers' Pension	Y 6,500.00	no increase.	

Land and Buildings

Compared with other years our activity as far as the purchase of land and the erection of buildings was concerned has been rather slight.

Suita Parsonage Lot. Some years ago we bought a lot in the town of Suita, just outside of Osaka, and erected on it a very beautiful church. The lot was not large enough, however, to permit the erection of a parsonage. After looking about for some time for a suitable site, we have been able to buy a lot consisting of 82 tsubo. This lot is located just back of the church site. The cost of the plot was Y 2000. A parsonage will be erected just as soon as arrangements can be made.

Riugasaki Church & Kindergarten Building. In 1938 we purchased a lot in the town of Riugasaki for church and kindergarten purposes. This last year we have erected a church and a kindergarten building on this site. The cost of the building was Y 8500. The dedication service was held in the early fall. The Riugasaki congregation is now equipped with a very beautiful building in which church services and kindergarten work can be carried on.

Takehaya Cho and Kobe Lot. The mission has recommended and the Board has approved the sale of the Takehaya Cho property and also of the lot in Kobe on which it had been planned to erect a mission residence. We have asked a trust company to handle both of these deals for us.

Woman's Missionary Society

The report for the Woman's Missionary Society covers two annual conventions. The annual convention for 1941 was held in March, so that it would be possible for Miss Bauernfeind to attend before her departure to the United States. The Woman's Missionary Society in Japan has not only lost Miss Bauernfeind, but during the past year the very efficient president, Mrs. Hirazawa, resigned. Her place was taken by Miss Suzuki who, together with the other officers, has carried on the work without any reduction in effectiveness. At the time of the annual convention in 1940 the Society, at the request of the Japan Conference, agreed to give Y 4000 towards the erection of the church in Riugasaki. The original plan was to raise this amount within four years, but during the first year already Y 2000 has been paid to the conference.

At the 1941 convention it was reported that there are 35 organizations with a membership of 642. This is the highest membership the W. M. S. in Japan has attained. There are 15 Circles with 258 members. This also is a record. In addition there are 5 Mission Bands with 502 children enrolled. The contributions for the year amounted to Y 2573.97, of which total the Mission Bands gave Y 28.85, the Circles Y 230.94 and the regular Societies Y 2314.18. This total does not include the balance which has been accumulating for several years. In addition to the Y 2000 for the Riugasaki project the W. M. S. during the year gave Y 235 towards the Conference Missionary Society, Y 250 towards the Bible School, Y 130 for Biblewomen's pension, Y 80 for the Orphanage and Y 50 each for the Boshi Home, the Deaf Oral School and the Mukojima Nursery.

Shadan

The Shadan is the legal corporation which has held all of the property of our church in Japan. It was organized in July, 1911, and for the last thirty years it has faithfully performed the duties entrusted to it. All of the members have been missionaries. However, as Japanese churches in recent years have been contributing larger sums for the purchase of land and the erection of buildings, some of the missionaries have felt increasingly the anomalous situation of the Shadan composed entirely of missionaries holding the property. The present crisis has only served to heighten such a feeling. Therefore the Japan Mission has recommended to the Board that certain changes be made which would remedy the matter. The Board of Missions approved these suggestions and application has been made to the Department of Education to ratify the changes.

The chief changes proposed are the following: the name of the Shadan is to be changed from the shadan of the missionaries of the Evangelical Church in Japan to the shadan of the Evangelical Church in Japan. Even though the Evangelical Church as such disappears because of the union, this shadan for the time being at least will continue to function under the above name. Eventually when the united church is fully established, it is to be expected that a holding body of the united church will be formed. A second important change has to do with the membership of the shadan. There will be sixteen members, of whom twelve are to be Japanese pastors and laymen and four are to be missionaries. Within this group of sixteen there will be a Board of Directors of five members, four of whom will be Japanese and one will be a missionary. Even from this brief summary of the revision of the shadan regulations, it will be clear that a fundamental change has been effected. The emphasis has been shifted from a missionary controlled holding corporation to a Japanese controlled body. Of course we are not the only mission that has adopted such a policy. All of the missions operating in Japan have followed the same course, some of them many years ago.

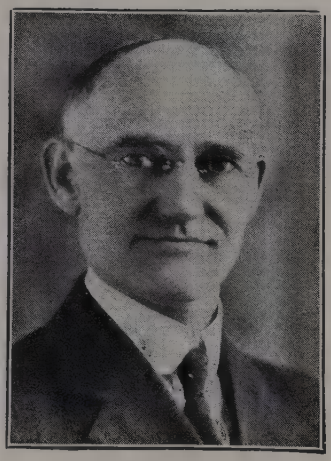
Conclusion

The past year has been one of crisis and profound changes, changes so fundamental that we have not yet fully understood or comprehended all of the implications. The Protestant churches with few exceptions have decided to form one church. They have publicly declared their financial independence. Both of these positions will vitally effect the missionary movement in this land. Should the missionary withdraw? Has the object of the missionary movement been accomplished in Japan? Will there still be a place for missionary work in the Sunrise Kingdom? These are questions which cannot be answered at this time. The future alone will tell. In the meantime however we may have the confidence that God is working out His purpose and that however incomprehensible some things may seem to us He is directing all things for the best interests of His Kingdom on earth. Therefore we cannot help but rejoice in the steps that the Protestant churches have taken. We thank God for the Church in Japan, for her leadership, for her faith and for her courage. We unite our hearts in prayer for this Church "that he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word, that he might present is to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish."

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CHINA MISSION—1940

Rev. C. C. Talbott, D.D., Superintendent

The event of the year was the arrival of our five new missionaries, one more than the total number sent out in the past fourteen years. Equally eventful was the experience of these missionaries on their way to the field. When they were about to sail it seemed wisest for them to go direct to Peiping to study the language; but after only five weeks in the Language School, American Consuls advised Americans in occupied areas to return to America. The Generalissimo, Chiang Kai-shek, sent out an invitation for them to come to Free China instead of returning to America. At this time the superintend-



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ent was in Shanghai for medical attention, and advised our missionaries to come to Shanghai and proceed to Changsha with him. After a delay of a month in Shanghai passage was finally secured on a small freight steamer for a Fukien port, finally landing at Santu. From there a three days overland trip by sedan chair, two weeks wait at Foochow for the baggage to be carried over three mountains, a day and a night on a river launch to Yenping, six days by bus to Leiyang, a night by train to Chuchoo and a day by launch to Changsha, where all, including the three children, arrived in good health and spirits. Sixteen days actual travel time but a month including delays.

Our missionary personnel now numbers eighteen. Of these the five new ones are studying the language, five are on furlough, and the remaining eight are stationed as follows:

Changsha, Mr. Talbott and Mrs. Wahl; Liling, Mr. and Mrs. Farnham; Yuhsien, Miss Fecker; Yuanling, Miss Granner, and Tungjen, Mrs. Dubs and Miss Renninger. At the time of writing all now on the field are enjoying good health.

Property. New Churches

This has been our best year for building new churches. Churches were completed at Saochuwan, Shaopu, Shihkongwan, and Wangkiawan; and new churches built at Iaohiapa, Tingkiafang, Chuintsochiao, and Chuchoo. The Chuchoo church is a memorial to Mrs. Talbott and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Wengert.

This church is 26 ft. x 45 ft. inside measure with a pulpit recess and a bell tower. A movable partition separated one third of the auditorium space at the entrance end which can be used for Street chapel work and a prayer meeting room or class room. This part has a second story which makes a good class room and can be made a gallery when the congregation increases and needs more seating space.

Parsonages were built at all but one of these places.

The Street chapel at Chaling has been remodeled and now serves our needs as a church.

The Changsha Chongsanlu property which was bombed in April has been rebuilt and our work there going on as usual. While the church could not be used their services were held in the Tongpailou church. Thirteen were baptized and admitted to the church there on Pentecost.

Provision has been made to rebuild the Street Chapel at Tonghochial, Yuanling, which was burned in the bombing there a few years ago, and also to build a new church and parsonage at Hwangtuling. We hoped to build at Fenghwang where the buildings were burned several years ago, but this may not be possible for lack of anyone responsible to give a contract for the work, or anyone with experience to supervise it.

Repairs

Many of our buildings are in need of major repairs and have been for a long time, but year by year it has been put off, and especially since the war, because of the danger of bombing. But with the income of the church increasing and the favorable exchange, the question of putting our buildings in proper condition should be carefully considered. This is particularly true of East Hunan buildings. As I look out of my door I see cornice boards on the church and Mrs. Wahl's house about to fall down. I fear the woodwork to which these boards are nailed is rotted and must be replaced. Repairs for Changsha buildings would cost $5,000.00 or more, but at present ex-

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change that represents less than $300.00 U. S. We would be glad if the Board would take the initiative and require us to put our buildings in repair and provide the money for it. Bishop Epp will recall the condition some of them were in in 1930 and they have not been properly repaired since.

Educational

Union Schools. Yale Boys and Fuh Siang Girls Union High Schools have continued their work at Yuanling during the year.

The Senior department of Yale is located on our property in the city, while the Junior department is a few miles in the country using government buildings. Both of these places have stone hills near where it has been possible to make substantial bomb shelters, so there is a minimum loss of time for study during the numerous air raid alarms and frequent visits of planes. Class work continues until the planes are heard and then the rush to the shelters.

Fuh Siang is located on the Evangelical-Reformed Mission property, which has been bombed twice with direct hits on the church, Rev. Snyder's house and other buildings; but none on the buildings used by Fuh Siang. They have dugouts but it is doubtful if they would withstand a direct hit. For that reason the students and teachers usually go out into the country when there is an alarm, which frequently lasts from three to five hours, which greatly interferes with their regular study and class work. Plans had been made to move fifteen miles into the country but that is now not advisable, so they will have to continue as before.

In spite of these dangers and interruptions the regular work has been carried on and the same high standing in scholarship maintained. Special attention is also given to the religious life of the students.

It is very encouraging to notice the large number of students who come from non-Christian homes, who become Christians before they graduate.

Our Schools. We have Junior High Schools at Liling and Tungjen.

Albright has had the best year with the largest enrollment since it reopening in 1931. This school has been for boys only; but co-education is becoming common in all grades now, and we have been pressed for some time to allow girls to attend. It is important for our preachers' and members' daughters. Since Fuh Siang had to move to Yuanling, the problem of young girls being so far from home, the expense of travel etc., make it all but impossible for many girls to attend there. One girl was so homesick and spent so much time crying that

she failed to pass, although in Primary school she was a good student. Beginning with the fall term, 1941, a limited number of girls will be admitted to Albright. The difficulty will be to keep out those we cannot accommodate. This will also mean added expense to provide dormitory space and added concern in caring for the girls. A large number of the boys have been enrolled in voluntary Bible classes during the year and a number joined the church.

Mingteh at Tungjen had the best year since it has been a strictly Junior High school with an enrollment of 110. Five boys and two girls graduated in June. With Mr. and Mrs. Zimmer giving the larger share of their time to the school and Mrs. Dubs and Rev. Kan taking Bible classes, special attention and emphasis were given to the religious phase of the students' life, with encouraging results. Mr. Zimmer's report of the school gives this in detail. We believe there is a need for this school and that it has a future, but serious difficulties have to be faced.

Lack of building to properly house the school and the chronic difficulty of securing teachers who are willing to go to Tungjen or stay after they are there are the most important. It is still considered unsafe for a school to be located on our school compound, Liangpanchiao, and even if we had the money and wanted to build there is not room on the North Gate compound, where the school now is conducted, to erect suitable buildings and leave any room for playground, etc. If the Primary School could be provided for elsewhere, and their buildings given to the High school, it would meet the present needs, but this chance cannot be taken at the present time without serious discord in the church.

Primary Schools

We have been conducting seven primary schools, three doing full six grade work and four only four grades. One of the latter will be discontinued with the spring term 1941.

The Changsha and Liling schools have built up a reputation which attracts the better class of people, including officials, and makes it easy to charge higher tuition fees and consequently hire better teachers. Last term Changsha had 563 pupils and Liling 448. The Tungjen school Tateh is the third one doing six grades of work, and also has good standing in the city, but the principal either cannot or will not charge enough tuition to provide funds to run the school. Last school year this school received from the Annual Conference as much money as was granted the other six combined. New regulations were passed at the Conference in March which will require this school to reduce the grant ten per cent each year until it is on the same basis of support as the others. The

Yuanling school was run privately for some years and only taken over by the mission recently. It is too early to say what future this school has. The schools at Yuhsien and Chaling have also claimed they could not charge tuition, saying other schools did not charge and if we charged pupils would not come. This seems to indicate there is no real pressing need for us to conduct a school there or at Chaling. Yuhsien before the evacuation in 1927 had both boys and girls Primary and Junior High schools, and some of our members still hope to have them again; but under present circumstances they are not needed. Unfortunately we have ample buildings at Yuhsien for such schools but do not have them where schools can be successfully and economically conducted.

The question of an Educational Policy for the China Mission has not been solved. Perhaps it never will be. At the China Conference in March it was suggested that one third of the Conference budget be set aside for schools. Some even wanted to make it half of the total budget. This does not include Yale and Fuh Siang which are not under the Conference. The comparative value of schools in comparison with the regular church, evangelistic, work should be carefully considered.

Medical

The Tungjen Hospital. When Dr. Ulmer did not return in 1940 and Dr. Woo's contract expired at the end of the year 1940, it was necessary to secure another doctor for the work.

With the assistance of Dr. Green and Dr. Chen of Hunan—Yale hospital—we were very fortunate in securing Dr. Lin and his wife, Dr. Kong, both graduates of Hunan—Yale Medical School. Both are qualified doctors, Dr. Lin is particularly good in surgery, and both are fine active Christians.

Dr. Lin's mother was a Bible Woman for the Methodists at Kiukiang Kiangsi and Dr. Kong is a daughter of Dr. Kong who conducted the Presbyterian hospital at Tauyuen Hunan until his retirement a few years ago.

In a recent trip of ten days to Kiangkeo, Shaochuwan and Mingkiachang, Dr. Lin treated patients during the day and at night had a preaching service.

The regular work was carried on during the year with over 20,000 treatments in the out-patient department and 418 in-patients staying in the hospital an average of seven days each.

Religious work is emphasized. All of the staff and many patients attend the morning chapel service, held just before dispensary treatments begin. The hospital is a mile from the church, so they have a Sunday School Sunday morning, a Christian Endeavor in the evening, a woman's and children's

meeting Tuesday afternoon, a prayer meeting for men Thursday night and Sunday afternoon, a service in the ward for the in-patients.

More graduate nurses are essential for the proper carrying on of the work, but it is very difficult to get them and then not easy to keep them. Nearly all of them prefer to work in large hospitals.

Another difficulty is to secure medicines and supplies. Without the work of the International Red Cross bringing in large supplies of these necessities it might not be possible to secure enough to keep hospitals open in many parts of Free China.

The Liling Hospital. A Unit of the Hunan Public Health Administration has had the use of our Liling hospital, dispensary and one residence since February 1934. Their work has been of great value but they did not develop it as we had expected and did not keep the buildings in repair. With a change in their policy to do less in the way of regular hospital work, and more in instruction for preventing disease, vaccinations and first aid, and our dissatisfaction with their use of the buildings, we did not renew the contract with them and arranged to take it over and conduct it as a Mission hospital. Just when this decision had been made we got the news that Dr. Ulmer was coming out again, and rejoiced that he would be here to put things on a sound practical basis; only to be disappointed later by his change of plans.

Dr. L. C. Chang, an Albright High School graduate, who was the first doctor the Public Health sent to Liling and also again in charge when we took it back, has secured his release from the Public Health and is supervising the work for us.

Dr. Chang is a graduate of Yale College in China, of St. Johns Medical school, Shanghai. He spent several years in the employ of an insurance company in Java. Later he had six months' special training in Public Health work in Nanking. Mr. Feng, a graduate of our former Liling nurses' training school, is also with us.

Aside from two microscopes, a sterilizer and a few beds we have little to begin with. The Red Cross has supplied some instruments and a small supply of medicines, and we have the promise of a large shipment from Hongkong; but these promises are frequently long delayed and seldom supplied in full.

The most of the equipment of the Liling hospital was moved out and saved when the Communists took the city in 1930. Much of it was sold to the Hudson Taylor hospital in Changsha with the understanding that we could buy it back when needed at the original price, but when Changsha was burned in 1938 this hospital with all the equipment was destroyed.

The instruments were saved; but when our people evacuated Tungjen in 1934, because of the Communists threat, Dr. Ulmer brought the Tungjen instruments down to Chenki and left them. Later they were taken by the Communists or others, so Dr. Ulmer took the Liling instruments to Tungjen where they are now.

If we continue medical work its scope should be enlarged. When we can get capable doctors, who are also active Christians, the appropriation for medical work should be sufficient to pay salaries equal to what they can get in other hospitals and insure their continuing with us. The question of registering the hospitals with the government may be demanded any time. What this involves I do not know. It surely will mean inspection by the officials and certain requirements made.

Woman's Work

To give an adequate picture of the work done for and by the women of our China church, it would be necessary to copy a considerable part of the personal reports of our lady missionaries. (I regret that these are not made available to the home church and especially the church leaders.) At some places two and in one place three women's meetings a week must be attended and supervised. Catechetical classes, cottage prayer meetings, short term women's schools, visits to our stations, house to house visitation, women's evangelistic band work, etc. are a part of the schedule.

In Tungjen there are three women's bands of eight women each who visit some country village once a month. While there are only eight regular members in a band, forty or fifty women go along to help with the work. A total of 129 women were baptized during the year. One woman, 75 years old, who had been a gambler and opium smoker, was converted and joined the church.

In some places much time was given by the lady missionaries teaching English Bible classes composed of High school students.

Woman's Missionary Societies

A number of Woman's Missionary Societies were organized during the year; and at the Annual Conference in March a Conference Branch was organized. Constant danger from air raids in Changsha, Ciangtan and Yuanling, with daily enforced evacuation for safety of the people, greatly hindered the societies in these places. In Tungjen where there is little danger of air raids more systematic progress has been possible.

At a recent monthly prayer meeting of the society 87 women were present and the offering was over six dollars. The

women have been pressing that some special work be set aside as their project; and it had been decided to make the work at Ialayuin, on the Hunan Kweichow border, the work to be supported by the Missionary Societies. About half the people in that district are aborigines, and the thought is to try to extend the work among them. Our preacher in charge there is an aborigine. There is also a possibility of the Yale and Fuh Siang High school teachers and students starting a Primary school there, exclusively for aborigines.

Superannuation Plan

Since the organization of the China Conference in 1937 a Committee has been working out a plan for superannuated preachers, which was adopted by the Conference in March. The most of the work was done by Mr. Farnham. Without his efforts and insistence that it be consummated nothing would have been done. Fortunately the Norwegian Missionary Society had a plan prepared by an Insurance actuary which is the basis of ours. Premiums are based on a percent of salary received according to age at time of joining the society. Already a sum of money has been set aside as a supporting fund and efforts will be made to augment this fund.

Evangelistic Bands

Three Evangelistic Bands worked in our East Hunan area during the year; one in Siangtan, one in Yuhsien and one in Chaling. Two of these were supported by our Mission and one by the Hunan Bible Institute, but all three were under the supervision of the Institute. Four new groups of believers resulted from the work in Siangtan country districts. Two of these have been made a charge and a preacher appointed in charge. The enquirers at one place assuming responsibility for the rent of the building needed for the preacher to live and a place to hold services. The other two are near Hwashih and have been added to that charge; but this makes Hwashih the largest area and the largest number of Christians to be cared for of any of our out-stations.

The Band in the Chaling country spent considerable time at and around Hukeo where we formerly had work and still have some faithful members. Forty-three names were signed to a petition asking us to appoint a preacher there, they assuming the rent of the building. Unfortunately there was delay in the preacher getting there and it remains to be seen how many of the new people interested can be held and brought into the church.

We hope to have these Bands continue work with us the coming year and would like to have one of them work in

West Hunan; but the increased cost of living has about trebled the cost of each band, and renewed activity of bandits in West Hunan may prevent this type of work being done there as has been the case in recent years.

The China Conference

The fourth session of the China Conference was held in the Tongpailou church at Changsha March 15 to 19.

Rev. H. S. Frank was granted credentials to the Minnesota Conference. Two probationers, Pin Min Sheo and Peng Hsioh Liang and evangelist Cheo Shih Kwang resigned from the work. Li Ni and Li Fan Wen were taken on as evangelists. Our conference is now composed of the following:

Elders	17
Deacons	11
Probationers	5
Evangelists	14
Local Preachers	5
Local Evangelists	3

One of the Local Evangelists is serving a charge.

Forty-eight men are appointed to charges serving over sixty churches and preaching places. Seven new ones were added during the year as a result of the Evangelistic Band work.

The Conference was re-districted into five districts: Changsha and Siangtan, Liling, Yuhsien and Chaling, West Hunan, and Kweichow. Y. C. EoYang, Yu Peng Chiu, V. L. Farnham, F. W. Brandauer and R. A. Sundberg were elected as District Superintendents.

Because of the difficulty and expense of travel only nine lay delegates attended.

The work of the conference was greatly hindered because of lack of sufficient missionaries for supervision. Mr. Brandauer left for furlough May 1st, 1940. Because no principal could be secured for Mingteh High school in Tungjen, Mr. Zimmer had to give nearly all his time from September 1940 until he left for furlough April 1st 1941. At the present time Mr. Farnham is the only man of our mission now in China giving his full time to the evangelistic work; and he also is treasurer of the Mission and also has major responsibility for the Liling High School and Hospital. (The two new men are studying the language and will not be ready for appointment to regular work until next conference).

There were 354 baptisms and admissions to the church during the year and the present membership is 2814, 1531 men and 1283 women.

We have six young men in Theological schools preparing for the ministry. Five of these are in the West China Union

Theological college—three in the Senior department and two in the Junior department. One man is in the Union Theological school of Wuchang, now located at Lingling Hunan. Four of these are supported by individuals and only two from the Conference Student Aid Fund. Five of them have two more years to complete their course, the other three years. Several young men have applied for the privilege of attending Theological school at Mission expense but none were accepted this year. We require them to work at least one year in an Evangelistic Band before we send them, as a basis of judging their ability and willingness for the work. We also have a minimum educational standard as a requirement.

Relief Work

No estimate can ever be made of the number of lives saved the amount of suffering alleviated, or the number of individuals and families who have been assisted in finding new ways of making a living in their new environment in interior China by the local and general relief agencies who administered the funds contributed by the people of America and other countries.

The first three years of the war these agencies were principally concerned with assisting refugees on their long trek from the fighting fronts to safety in the interior, and caring for wounded soldiers. But during the past year there has been very little fighting and new refugees needing help have been few. Because of the tremendous increase in the cost of food, more and more of the nominally poor local people, who always live on a low margin have needed help. This type of relief will be the principal need in the near future. The price of rice, which is four fifths of the food of the common people, has risen from ten to twenty-fold during the past year or year and a half, depending on the location. Fortunately wages and profit in business have also had something of a corresponding increase, and those who have something to sell or can get work manage to get along. But there are many who cannot. It is a common custom to hire a servant or helper in business, on the basis of a small wage and food; but if the man has a family their food is not provided and the small wage he gets does not go far in providing food for the family.

Salaried workers are the hardest hit, because it is impossible to increase salaries month by month as living costs increase.

I was in Tungjen not quite two months but during that time the price of rice increased from $38.00 to $80.00 or more for enough for two people a month. A year before it was probably only $5.00.

We are faced with this serious condition with regard to our preachers, teachers and hospital staff. We increased our preachers' salaries by fifty per cent. Some missions have increased one hundred per cent. But that fails to meet the need of a man with six children whose normal salary is $40.00 a month. At the price of rice here in Changsha today it would cost from $80.00 to $100.00 a month for their rice alone, and at some places it is still more expensive.

To meet the need created by this constant fluctuation in the price of rice, we have put relief to workers on the basis of insuring them a limited amount of rice each month. This will only partially meet the need, but it seems the best that can be done at the present time, and can easily be discontinued when rice falls to normal prices. This can only be continued as long as relief funds continue to come from home. It would not be wise to raise salaries to meet the present needs because of the difficulty of lowering them when the war is over.

We have also created a Conference committee for general relief, and divided the Conference area into seven subdivisions, with a small investigating committee for each, and assigned a certain amount of relief money for each group. One half of this is to be used for the destitute cases who may need immediate help. The other half is to be used to buy rice at harvest time when it is cheapest and hold it until next spring or summer to be sold at cost to those who have an income but not sufficient to buy the expensive rice. We are asking laymen to take the major responsibility for this investigation, because they can do it better than the missionaries or Chinese preachers.

Political

Anything I might write concerning the present status of the war between China and Japan would probably be out of date by the time this is read. Yesterday it was reported that Japan says she can go on and capture Chungking, fight Russia and at the same time fight America. She may or may not have said this, but things here have been very much on a standstill for the past year, with, if anything, the advantage in China's favor. Japan has given up more territory she once occupied in south west China than she has taken in all the rest of China during the war.

Regardless of what the final outcome may be, these four years of war have done more for Central and West China than forty years of peace could ever have done. This extends to the new Province of Sikong which has been carved out of Eastern Tibet and a part of southwestern Szechuen and north-

western Yunnan. Highways now connect this baby province with the rest of free China.

West Hunan and Kweichow now have Private, Provincial and National High Schools, Normal Schools, Universities and Medical Schools; also Government and Co-operative factories of various kinds.

One of our Theological Students in Chengtu Szechuen won first prize in an English oratorical contest at which nine students of University competed.

In much of the area in which our Mission works is located, if you did not ask about the news you could easily forget that China and the world is at war. People live, work, study, and enjoy life much as they always have done, but with more knowledge, more comforts and a broader outlook on life than they have ever known.

Educated Chinese leaders in all walks of life are seriously considering the ways of Christ.

Mr. Roberts of the Bible institute had all his expenses paid to Chugking by a National official for the express purpose to preach Christ and discuss His claims with government leaders. He met night after night with groups of from twenty or thirty and, after a dinner, talked and prayed with them from one to three hours an evening. One of these meetings was at the home of a former Governor of Hunan, who is now a close adviser to Chiang Kai-shek, having conference with him every day. He shook hands with Mr. Roberts when he left that night and said, "I really truly believe."

These influences are felt all down the line to the common people and probably in no time in history has there been such a great opportunity to evangelize great masses, who are sure to exert a major influence on the future life of the world. The regrettable thing is that all missions are hopelessly understaffed, facing the unlimited opportunities on every hand.

God has blessed us and sustained us in our small part in this great Kingdon building enterprise; but Oh! that we would more adequately meet the challenge and as individuals and a church show ourselves worthy of the responsibility He has placed upon us.

THE ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SUDAN MISSION OF THE EVANGELICAL CHURCH 1940-41

Rev. John J. Armold

To put down on record a report of what has taken place during any period of time is to be made to appreciate those happenings more. A noting day by day, of what is going on about one, may seem a drab experience but at the close of the period to sum up what all these daily units mean will often surprise and delight. Just so we are made to praise our Heavenly Father for His goodness and faithfulness to His children in Wurkumland, both black and white. Also many of the little experiences and influences that will not find their

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way into this report, have added their part to make this a most precious year.

Staff. At the beginning of this period our superintendent, Dr. I. E. McBride and Mrs. McBride were on furlough in the U. S. A. We, on the African side, were looking forward to their return to the field as soon as Rev. McBride had received his degree at the close of the term at the Evangelical Theological Seminary. They, on the American side were disillusioned as to the probabilities of an early return to Wurkumland as the war had tied up most of the shipping communications to Africa. June and July passed and August was well begun before the opportunity came. Then while Dr.

and Mrs. McBride were attending the Nebraska assembly, they received a telegram, which offered them a sailing for Africa in six days. Other people had scorned this short notice but these grasped the opportunity as an opening which the Lord had provided. They arrived in Wurkumland early in October, which brought joy to the people, both black and white, as evidenced by the many greetings along the way and after they reached Bambur.

Rev. and Mrs. Karl H. Kuglin had kept the station at Bambur during the Superintendent's absence. Their health had remained good for the year except that the man of the family had an accident with a motorcycle while on a preaching trip to a village in which his foot was badly bruised and had to be treated for three and a half months.. This injury came at a time when it was planned that he with Mrs. Kuglin should go to Vom hospital. During a stay of five months on the Plateau the foot was healed, a course of training for dispensary work was received and Rev. and Mrs. Kuglin were delighted by the safe arrival of daughter Margaret Elizabeth. At the close of this period they returned to Wurkumland to take up the work assigned to them at Bambuka.

Rev. and Mrs. J. J. Armold at Kerum have been handicapped somewhat by Mrs. Armold's continual low fever. A time on the Plateau in the early spring under treatment by Dr. P. W. Barnden brought about some improvement but return to the Benue valley and the daily routine of the station brought it back. At the January Mission Meeting it was voted that the Armolds should be allowed to continue for some months over the usual length of term, if Dr. Barnden would give his permission. This however he would not do as he thought a prolonged term with fever might permanently injure Mrs. Armold's health. According to the doctor's urgent advice these members of our staff are to sail for home if accommodations can be found on some American bound steamer.

In this connection we wish to mention the assistance given our staff at Kerum by Miss Elizabeth Barnie, who was loaned to us by the British branch of the Sudan United Mission for five months. We wish to thank Miss Barnie and the Mission for this assistance.

Rev. and Mrs. A. J. Faust have faithfully and efficiently occupied the Pero station. Their health while good at the date of writing has not been so the entire period. A scratch from a bush while walking away from the station caused an infection of blood poisoning, which spread through her entire body and caused Mrs. Faust to keep her bed for some days. Recovery from the primary cause left her system afflicted with

low fever also. A time on the Plateau for rest and treatment brought slight improvement. Further treatment at home accomplished what seems to be a complete cure of the fever.

In May, Rev. Faust was suddenly taken ill with a severe pain in the lower right abdomen. The symptoms were so serious that a telegram was sent to Dr. Barnden, who came expecting to find a case of appendicitis and was prepared to operate if necessary. To the joy and relief of every one concerned he found the cause of the pain to be a chill on the liver, which in itself can be serious, but being given proper treatment by Mrs. Faust from the beginning had not advanced to a critical condition. Within a fortnight Rev. Faust was able to be about his usual work.

We wish to thank our Mission Board in the homeland for their prompt selection and appointment of Rev. and Mrs. Roscoe Plowman to fill the vacancy left by the appointment of Rev. W. C. Harr to the faculty of the Evangelical Theological Seminary. We are prayerfully looking forward to the arrival of these new co-workers in Wurkumland. It is the desire of the staff that Rev. and Mrs. Plowman may find much blessing from the Lord awaiting them in Africa.

Native Church. The Native Christians are to be commended for their assistance in the Lord's work and for their interest in the unsaved among their fellow-tribesmen. This assistance and interest is not to be seen in all of them, in the same way as it would not be of all church members at home.

A great amount of what has been done this year would have been impossible without the help of these consecrated natives. It has been learned that in some parts of N. Nigeria there is the belief by the natives that as they win others to the Lord, the white missionaries' salaries are increased proportionately. Some questioning has shown that this idea has filtered into Wurkumland but it has not stopped the native workers from going out to their people, not even those who give their services voluntarily.

I am confident that the great majority, if not all of those brought to the Lord since our last report have been largely the result of native effort.

Yepu of Pero has been handicapped by illness, which continued over a number of months.

The oldest out-station, Gbwere, has been placed in charge of two local men and is continuing to grow.

Dege, who was there the previous year, has gone to a new place farther out and is giving his usual sincere and devoted effort to the Master's service there. Others have done teaching and preaching in villages and their home towns.

Beside the men mentioned above at Pero there are some

women of fine devoted spirit, whose lives are a glorious witness for the Lord. Kura of Bambur is leading the group there. His younger brother Aliu is showing devotion to the work of village preaching and at least one elderly man has been brought to seek the Lord through his influence. Kasala at Bambuka still continues the good work there. The group of inquirers continues to grow gradually as also does the persecution from the pagan people about. We praise God for these men and women. Their transformed, regenerated lives are a witness to the power of the gospel and the worth of the missionary enterprise.

Evangelism. With only two Americans (a man and his wife), on a station the routine of the place occupies their time quite fully. Consequently the time, for itineration into the more distant parts, is small and leaves much to be done. Nevertheless the practice has been kept up and some delightfull "treks" have been made. The native Christians again have helped much in this work.

From Pero 23 men divided into eight teams have gone out to the Pero, Pia, Dara and Lo tribes for a three-day preaching tour.

On the stations there is the reach into the immediate town, the contacts for the Lord at the dispensary, which increases yearly, the teaching in schools, the usual church services and last but not least the morning prayer periods. The latter perhaps is the means of reaching more people in a thorough way than any other part of our evangelistic services. It is each morning every week day and is attended by many people who seldom, if ever, attend the Sunday services. On one station this service is conducted on the large veranda of the mission residence, as many people attend there, who would not enter the church building. The time of meeting is usually about six o'clock or soon after. The Christians bow in silent prayer for a moment upon entering. A hymn is announced and if necessary explained to non-readers. After the singing is a scripture lesson with a definite message based upon it. Then there is prayer followed by the Lord's Prayer and a verse of song in response. As the people separate to their various occupations of the day, surely some word of the message by song, scripture, preaching or prayer will be taken away to influence the hearer.

As a part of the evangelistic work we wish to include the native Christians' Convention which was held at Pero again this year. The speakers were two native men from Kagoro, a mission station of the Sudan Interior Mission, some 250 miles to the west. It was an inspiration to have these men among us and their influence was a help to the growing

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church. Besides these visitors and the missionaries there were people from Bambur, Kerum, Gbwere, Biliri and Bambuka. These, with the entertaining group, represented the Pero, Pia, Kulung, Tangali, and Bambuka tribes.

Educational. This department of our work, I believe, has been much the same as in other years.

One new step is the development of small beginner schools out in the town of Pero. A number of these were begun and maintained by older pupils of the Mission compound school. As the beginners who are taught there, progress sufficiently, permission to come to the parent school will be given.

Medical. This is still the great attraction for the people generally. Also it affords an opportunity to bring many hundreds of people in contact with the gospel. This has been very much appreciated and we count it one of the avenues opened by our Master through which to reach these people. There were two epidemics this year which were especially bad. The first was measles, which usually had dysentery or sore mouth as a secondary complication. Frequently both of these developed. Either of them were often fatal. Literally hundreds of children in Wurkumland lost their lives through this epidemic.

The second was spinal meningitis. This was more wide spread than in recent years and many lives were lost as a result, besides those who recovered to be handicapped for life by some deformity. Those who recovered from the disease to enjoy full health again were few. We had ordered the new drug, sulfanilamide, early in the year in anticipation of such an epidemic, but perhaps because of war conditions it was not obtainable. We are delighted by the prospects of properly trained physician to help in times of difficulty like these.

The extent of medical work done the past year is indicated by the following numbers.

	Patients Treated	Number Treatments
Bambur	1,140	11,620
Pero	3,320	32,546
Kerum	1,795	8,955
Totals	6,255	53,121

The proposition of co-operation with the Sudan United Mission in support of a doctor at Lankaviri is viewed quite favorably by them. It is very unlikely that they should be able to find a physician to come to do this work before the close of the war. As recent illnesses among our staff have indicated, a physician would be able to give valuable service. We welcomed the action taken by the Mission Board at LeMars,

Iowa, last fall. While a physician within 50 miles of our station is preferable to one more than 200 miles away, we believe that if our church is to send a doctor, it would be most satisfactory to all concerned if he were to be located in our district.

In regard to the language to be studied by a doctor for this district it would need to be Hausa, so in any case he should spend the first year in Hausa language school.

Property. At the request of the American Consul at Lagos, we made out an inventory and valuation of the property of our stations and sent to his office.

With the exception of those buildings not equipped with ant-proofing all the Mission buildings are in good repair. The loss of one small building by fire has emphasized the danger to which our buildings are exposed continually. Thatch roofs, oil lamps and bush fires make a combination, which is likely to be destructive. We would like to call the attention of the Mission Board to the fact that out here there is no insurance on the mission property, nor is there any equipment for fire protection. We call attention to this fact thinking that the Board might wish to take some action in this regard.

War. Though it was far from our part of Africa all during the year, the conflict to the north of us does effect us in various ways. All we Americans are aliens and are registered as such and we must carry our aliens' certificate with us whenever we leave the district. To travel more than five miles from our stations we must have special permits.

These, because of slow transportation, often are difficult to obtain in time for the journey, for which they are to give permission. Also gasoline is rationed and permission to purchase it must be procured.

Importation of food stuffs and clothing from America has increased inspection and duties at the port of entry, as well as an increase in rates of transportation.

While this may look bad on paper it is not as inconvenient as it may appear. Our essential work is unhampered and in cases of emergency, as sickness, the government officials have always been very considerate and ready to help. We have much for which to be thankful.

Rev. C. W. Guinter. It was with sorrow that we heard of the death of our beloved former superintendent, Rev. C. W. Guinter, held in high esteem by all who knew him in Africa, which includes the native Africans as well as Europeans.

The Lord's work here has lost a faithful friend. Our heart-felt sympathy goes out to Mrs. Guinter, who served faithfully with him and endeared herself to many in this country.

Mrs. I. E. McBride. The sudden home-going of our beloved sister, Mrs. I. E. McBride, was a painful surprise and left a vacancy in the heart of each one who knew her. In her short stay among us the loving interest in all whom she met, black or white, and her sincere devotion and love for her Lord, lead us to reciprocate the love of her generous heart.

Like the blossoms of spring which are soon gone but the memory of their fragrance and beauty gladden our hearts through the heat of the long summer following; just so the spiritual fragrance and beauty of this rare soul shall be a joy and an inspiration to all of us as we follow the pathway before us. Her life spoke the words, "Lo, I come to do thy will, O God."

Now with these beloved ones having gone on and others coming to help in this great work of the Lord's, we look ahead to the coming year. War in the world about us, and possible internal changes, make for a sense of uncertainty in the material side of the Master's work here. On the other hand, we know that He is never uncertain and His help never-failing. So we go forward with Him on the path that unfolds at each new step, into more wonderful fellowship with Himself.

Respectfully submitted,
John Armold.

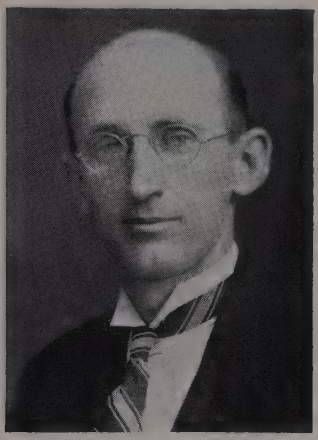
ANNUAL REPORT—ITALIAN MISSION—1941

By Rev. M. N. Berger, Superintendent

Encouraging results have attended the work of the Italian Mission during the past year. There has been a net gain of 18 members in the churches, while the various organizations have continued to function well in meeting the educational and other interests of the groups.

It is to be noted that the several mission stations increasingly take on the character and work of regular charges in the Evangelical Church. Trained leaders are assuming responsibilities as teachers and officials within the organization. This trend is of great importance in the light of the desire to see all of our missions become self-supporting, virile churches in the shortest possible time.

However, even with the most devoted and energetic leaders and with the finest co-operation of the membership, a very rapid growth can hardly be expected. Immigration has practically ceased for an indefinite period of time. Consequently the growth of the mission, from Italian sources, is limited to the group already resident in our cities. Most of these people



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have Roman Catholic connection or background. A slow growth in membership from other than Italian sources is taking place, but this will probably not be rapid either, for here the appeal of other churches provides a strong competition. An added difficulty is found in the lack of adequate facilities for part of the work.

The most serious handicap to the work of the mission came in August, 1940, with the paralysis of Rev. G. Busacca at Kenosha. At first it appeared that he might again be able to resume a large part of his activities, but later difficulties have continued to hamper his recovery and finally incapacitated him so far as any active direction of the work was concerned. The work of the Kenosha station was continued under the direction of Mrs. Busacca and Miss Gertrude Bloede, with the assistance of Rev. A. Germanotta in the Italian services, and Rev. Leonard Weinman and others in the English services. In their great difficulty Rev. and Mrs. G. Busacca deserve our prayers and assistance.

The outstanding problems and needs of the mission include the following:

At Racine, with a Sunday School enrollment of 168, the equipment is very inadequate for effective work. The North Racine building is not conducive to good work. It is a most serious question as to whether there should be a merging of the work at North Racine and at Albert Street in one central building somewhere between the two present locations. A survey of this possibility is being made.

The language situation is similar to what our church experienced with the German language a generation ago. The

younger group no longer uses, nor in many cases understands the Italian language and consequently most of the work is being done in English. But there are some of the older people who do not understand the English sermon very well.

The above problem is closely related to that of the assimilation of the Italian group into the composite American mixture of nationalities. Intermarriage of nationalities is slowly but surely progressing. This tendency is probably wholesome for the life and culture of both groups but it will naturally terminate at some future time the Italian Mission as a distinctive type of church venture.

The financial ability of the Mission has grown considerably during the past year, due largely to better employment conditions, but also to a program carried on by the missionaries themselves to develop a larger sense of stewardship among the members. While it will be some time before the mission churches could be self-supporting units, the Evangelical Church has a distinct responsibility to carry through to completion a mission project like this which has been carried forward with the utmost devotion and toil, and often tears, of those who have called men into the abundant life in Christ.

KENTUCKY MOUNTAIN MISSION
TWENTIETH ANNUAL REPORT—1940-1941

The Rev. A. E. Lehman, Superintendent

Twenty years ago Rev. John J. DeWall and the first group of workers made their way up Straight Creek and across the spur of the Kentucky ridge, then down Red Bird to Beverly. The road is considered rough today, but what words would describe it at that time! However, the difficulties of the journey were forgotten as they received the hearty welcome of the Knuckles brothers and families and the people of this community. These were the first of a stream of men and women who were sent to this field by the Board of Missions of the Evangelical Church. The story of how our church was led to this field, the thrilling experiences and sacrifices of this early group of workers, the steady and consistent growth of the work, and the ever increasing influence of Red Bird all make an epic of surpassing interest.

It was felt that so important an event should not be passed by without some special observance. We accordingly arranged for a week of special services, and invited back to Red Bird all our former staff members, students and friends. We planned to recall the experiences of the former days and try to understand the spirit of the pioneers of this work, to

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evaluate our present attainments, and to reset the goals for future endeavor. We had hoped to have with us for the occasion Bishop M. T. Maze, who with the sainted B. H. Niebel was the first to visit this field. He also had a large part in the establishment and directon of the first steps of the work here in Kentucky and we felt that his presence would be a great blessing. However, God had a different plan, and just a few months before the time of our anniversary reunion he was called to the land beyond where, no doubt, he, Rev. DeWall and Rev. Niebel held a reunion of their own. We wondered whether they were not among the "cloud of witnesses" by which "we are encompassed" and whether they did not also share in the experiences of our anniversary week.

We had a wonderful time during that week. The historians of future days would have found much of interest if all the speeches and sermons and all the private conversations could have been recorded. They were rich in interest and inspiration. Most of our former staff members had planned to be present, but some were prevented from coming by various circumstances. Then in the midst of the anniversary week we had an old fashioned "tide" that not only shut us in, but kept some who were already on the way from getting to Red Bird. If you know anything about the early experiences of the following group of former staff members who were present you will realize how rich and full of interest and inspiration must have been those days of fellowship. First of all, was Mrs. John J. DeWall, widow of the first superintendent and founder of this work, to whom our church and this mission owe so much. Miss Rosa J. Dimmick, Mrs. E. M.

Miller, Rev. and Mrs. J. S. Deedrick, Miss Elaine Goben, Miss Armata Berger, Rev. and Mrs. H. M. Porterfield, Dr. and Mrs. Harlan S. Heim, Mrs. Cleo Knuckles, Mrs. Nina Walker Lindgren, Mrs. Ruby Swisher Van, Miss Mildred Hall, and Miss Mina Herman. Then in addition to these, twenty-four of the present staff were present. Some of these have been here on Red Bird ever since the pioneer days, and they, too, added to the helpfulness and interest of the week. Miss Rice, who has given more years of service than any other, came to our field 19 years ago. Miss Speicher has been here 15 years, and Miss Kern 14 years. Others have been here for a greater or less period. It is interesting to note that there have been 101 persons who have rendered service on this field during the past twenty years. Those who were present here during the anniversary week represented a total of 268 years of service in this mission.

We should not neglect to mention that Rev. B. B. Estridge of the Atlantic conference, and Rev. Ira B. Wilson of the Indiana conference, both products of our Red Bird Mission, were present and made splendid contributions to the program of the week.

The Staff. During the past year we have not had as many changes in our staff as in some former years. Dr. Harold J. Elliott came to us last July to take charge of our medical work. He has come to us well prepared by his training and by natural inclinations for this kind of service. He himself was born on a mission station in Africa, his father and mother having been missionaries of the Wesleyan Methodist Church on that continent. Dr. Elliott is well liked by the people of the community, and is keeping up the standards of our medical work which have been set by his predecessors. We have also had with us Dr. Elliott's mother and his brother, Cecil, who have made a fine contribution to the spiritual life of our mission.

Rev. and Mrs. J. W. Bischoff came to us in September to take charge of the work on Jack's Creek which had been made vacant by the appointment of Rev. and Mrs. Plowman to our work in Africa. They have had a very difficult year, but I am glad to say that they have things well in hand, and we feel that they are entering into a very successful term of service.

As we come to the close of the year we are losing a number of our staff members. Miss Anna C. Cook, primary teacher at Beech Fork, has resigned from her work in order to continue her studies in college. She has been with us for two years and has given satisfactory service both in the school and in the community.

Miss Gladys Grimm has also sent in her resignation as of-

fice secretary. She plans to be married during the summer. Miss Grimm has not only been efficient in her work in the office, but has made a large contribution to the religious work of the station by her efficient leadership of our Intermediate Christian Endeavor and her work in the Mud Lick Sunday School. She leaves behind her four years of splendid service at Red Bird.

Miss Leta V. King has been granted a year's leave of absence to begin in July. She has not been very strong physically for some time, and hopes to be able to recuperate her strength by a good rest. She also hopes to take additional training to further prepare her for her profession. She plans to return to us next summer to continue her work here. Miss King has been with us for almost six years, and has won a large place in our work, and it is the earnest prayer of her fellow workers and the people of the community that she may be able to return to us at the end of the year.

It has been with a heavy heart that we saw Rev. and Mrs. Burgett and family leave our service in order to accept a position at Lewisburg, Pennsylvania, in the Evangelical Homes. Mr. Burgett has been with us for 15 years. He has been supervisor of the boys' dormitory and has also had charge of maintenance and repairs, as well as the construction of buildings. Having been here when most of our building was done he was intimately acquainted with all of them, and knows more about the buildings, drains, etc., at Beverly than anyone else. He was admirably gifted for the position he held here, and his leaving is a real loss. The boys who have lived in our dormitories and the people of the community owe him a real debt of gratitude. The same can be said of Mrs. Burgett, who was a real mother to the boys, and made a fine contribution to our work in the community and especially in the Mud Lick Sunday School. The best wishes of students, community people, and staff members follow Mr. and Mrs. Burgett and family to their new field of service.

We are glad that the Board has been able to secure for us the services of Rev. and Mrs. Fred C. Durdle of the Oregon conference, who have already shown that they will be able to carry on the work left vacant by the Burgetts. The Board has also taken steps to fill the other vacancies, so that by the middle of the summer we expect our staff will again be complete.

The health of our staff workers has been fairly good during the year. Some have been under the care of the doctor for a short time, but there has been no major sickness of any of our staff members. All have had a physical and health examination by the doctor during the year. When necessary he has made suggestions with regard to the improvement of health.

VELMA L. SQUIERS

LILLIAN B. BAYLES

REV. & MRS. F. C. DURDLE

ANNA M. STEIN, R.N.

Newly Appointed

We believe that this has done much to keep up the health standard of our workers.

Property. Two new buildings have been erected during the year. The one is the school-church building at Jack's Creek concerning which more will be said later. The other is a four-car garage which was erected at Beverly at a cost of $300. Staff members may use this garage and will be charged an annual rental of $20.00 for the use of it.

We have made a new inventory of the property of the Board on this field. We have listed everything that is owned by the Mission to the smallest detail. This is by no means a small task as it requires 67 typewritten pages to contain the itemized list. A summary of this inventory shows that the Board owns almost 100 acres of land, the valuation of which is $4,975. The buildings erected on this land are valued at $109,830. The contents of these buildings are valued at $31,-376.40. This makes a grand total of $146,181.40. The value of the property at Jack's Creek is $13,138; at Beech Fork $10,-819.50; at Beverly $122,223.90.

The new fire escapes for the girl's dormitory and hospital which were ordered at the beginning of the year have finally arrived and will be erected as soon as possible.

Beech Fork. The work at Beech Fork has been carried on in the usual manner. The outstanding event of the year was the opening of Greasy Creek as a preaching appointment and the beginning of a church building there. Brother Andrew Wilson, a member of the Beech Fork congregation, has been preaching in this community for a number of years. His labors there have been fruitful in the awakening of a decided religious interest. The people have now decided that they want to erect a church building. A citizen of the community has deeded to the congregation a small plot of land. They have a building committee and are going ahead with the erection of the church. This church is being built as a community project, and they expect no help from the Board of Missings in the erection of the church. Rev. Weibel is giving his counsel and assistance to the project. He and Brother Wilson are holding preaching services in a nearby schoolhouse once a month until the church is completed. The interest in things spiritual is evidenced by the fact that several have taken a stand for Christ in the regular preaching services. There is every indication that this may develop into a strong church in the future.

The work at Beech Fork consists of three appointments; Beech Fork, Lower Beech Fork and Greasy Creek. Sunday Schools are conducted at the two former appointments. Evangelistic meetings were held at Beech Fork and Lower Beech

Fork, but there were no accessions. There was a loss of members by the death of five. The total membership at Beech Fork is 143. The enrollment of the two Sunday Schools is 139. There is a young people's league with a membership of 12.

Jack's Creek. The year at Jack's Creek has not been uneventful. Early in the year Rev. and Mrs. Plowman, who had been with us a comparatively short time but who had made a very splendid contribution to the work of the mission, left to prepare for mission work in our African field. Rev. and Mrs. J. W. Bischoff came to the field in September to take their place. They entered into the work with enthusiasm and devotion, and have carried on the work with very fine success. Brother Bischoff had hardly become acquainted with the people and the work when the school-church building at Jack's Creek was burned to the ground. We may never be certain of the origin of the fire, although there are certain indications that the fire may have been of incendiary origin. The insurance covered about half of the value of the building, but the executive committee gave permission to proceed with the erection of a new building.

Building is not easy anywhere. Building here in the mountains brings difficulties that are undreamed of elsewhere. Mr. Bischoff had some experience in building, but not in the erection of entirely new buildings. As we have stated before, he had been on the field but a few months and was not yet thoroughly acquainted with the situation here. However, he has taken hold of the task, and the building of the school-church is now well under way. We are erecting a three-room building made of creek stone, the cost of which we hope to keep within $5500. It is planned to dedicate the building at the time of the annual meeting the latter part of August when Bishop Stauffacher will be with us. I cannot but speak with the highest commendation concerning the way in which Mr. Bischoff has carried on in the midst of the difficulties which beset him. He has met these difficulties with a spirit of persistency and patience which would be creditable to one with more experience in building, and especially in building under conditions such as we find here. Because of the loss of the building and because so much time had to be given to rebuilding, the religious work on this field has suffered. The church and Sunday School services have been held in an unused store room at some distance from the former location. As a result of this the attendance has dropped. Mr. Bischoff has not been able to spend much time at Mill Creek and Spring Creek, and these appointments too have suffered.

Before the school building burned down the people at Jack's

Creek had been thinking of erecting a church building. While the loss of the present building has put off that project, they are keeping the erection of a church building in mind. It is probable that within a year or two they will take up this new project.

At Jack's Creek there are now 71 members. There were six conversions and one was reclaimed. The Sunday School enrollment is sixty with an average attendance during the year of 39. There is a young people's league with a membership of 39. The church membership at Mill Creek and Spring Creek is 59. No evangelistic meetings were held at these two appointments and there were no accessions. The Sunday School enrollment at Mill Creek is 94 and the average attendance was 37.

Beverly. The church work at Beverly has been carried on in the usual way. Our program here is quite full and varied. We have three Sunday Schools. The main school at Beverly has an enrollment of 296, the Mud Lick Sunday School 92, and Slusher Creek 35. The Wednesday night prayer service meets in one group for an opening song service and then divides into six groups for Bible study and prayer. We have three Christian Endeavor societies with a total membership of 152. Each Sunday afternoon a service is conducted at the hospital. This service is sponsored by the Senior Christian Endeavor society. During the Christmas vacation, the last days of 1940, we held a very fine retreat for our staff members at Beverly. Dr. H. H. Kalas of our Naperville Seminary staff brought the principal messages. The lives of everyone of us were blessed and enriched by these meetings. Dr. Kalas remained over for a few days of meetings with our students. From the first service our students were gripped by the spoken message and his personality. However, the students evidently returned from their vacations with a generous supply of "flu" germs and almost all of our students were laid up with this disease. From the very first meeting some of the students could not attend, and many others who did attend suffered from coughs and headaches. In spite of this we had a very good meeting and a number confessed Christ as their Saviour. We did intend to hold another series of meetings later on, but then an epidemic of measles made such a meeting inadvisable. We received during the year 21 new members at Beverly. There were 21 conversions and 10 reclaimed. The amount contributed for missions at Beverly was $235.16, an average of $1.41 for each member. The total contributed for all purposes was $710, an average of $4.25.

Some statistics of the entire mission are as follows:

Number of members at beginning of year ..	447
Total gained	21
Total lost	29
Net loss	8
The present membership	439
Number of Sunday Schools	7
Total enrollment of Sunday Schools	716
Number of E. L. C. E.'s	5
Total enrollment	203
Total contributions for all purposes	$882.00
Average per member	$1.97

Educational. We have had another successful year in our educational work. A total of 317 were enrolled in our three schools. Our high school at Beverly has kept up the high standard that has been set during the past years. A class of 17 graduated at the end of the school year. As in former years, the extra curricular activities were emphasized and the success which our students achieved in contests with other schools show that this emphasis was well worthwhile. Our debating team was outstanding this year. It entered the state contest at Lexington competing with 36 of the best teams of the state. In the preliminary contests our team was rated as one of the first eight. In the remaining contests only one team defeated our team. That was the team that finally won the state championship. Even in that debate one of the three judges voted for our team. This placed our team just short of the best in the state.

In other speech activities three of our students won an "excellent" rating in the district contest and two went to Lexington to enter the state contest.

We also made a very fine showing in music. In the district music festival we won a "superior" rating for four members and an "excellent" rating in four numbers. The six remaining entrants were rated "good". When we consider that our school has less than 100 students in the high school and that many of our students have no training whatever along these lines before they come here, we feel that we can be proud of their record. The teachers, too, are to be congratulated for their splendid work.

Our high school at Beverly ministers to a large area in which there is no other high school. Only a few of the people, those who live within a few miles of Beverly, have the opportunity of a high school within reach of their homes. Through our dormitories we are able to give a very small percentage of the other boys and girls of the area an opportunity of attending high school. The homes represented by these students are very poor. They see very little cash from one year to

another. However, it is a remarkable fact that after having been at Red Bird these boys and girls manage in one way or another to continue their education. During our recent twentieth anniversary week we tried to learn something of what our graduates have done since they left Red Bird. We have had 169 graduates from our high school. Excluding the class of 1941, who have not had an opportunity of attending college, there have been 152 graduates. These have taken a total of 294 years of advanced work, or an average of 1.9 years for each graduate. If we consider the 103 persons who graduated before 1937 (the last class that could have completed college), we find that there are 34 college graduates and 9 have taken post graduate work. Of the above 103 graduates, 81 have taken college work. Only 22 have not gone to college. Those who know the home conditions of these students realize that this is just short of miraculous. It shows that Red Bird has a way of inspiring boys and girls to attempt the impossible.

Medical. Our medical department has had another busy year. From all directions there have come to our hospital the maimed, the sick and the halt. While each year is marked by an increasing number of patients cared for by our medical department, yet we note that the number of out or home calls decreases each year. It is impossible for our doctor to answer all the calls and visit all the patients in their homes. They must be brought to him. It is a very common sight here at Beverly to see a group of from 10 to 25 men coming up or down one of our creeks carrying patients to and from the hospital. They are often carried as much as 15 or 20 miles, over roads and trails that are next to impassable. While this practice saves time for the doctor and medical staff and enables them to deal more effectively and efficiently with a larger number of patients, yet we cannot but think of the ones who should have medical care but who cannot come to the hospital. The percentage of the sick and ailing who can come to a hospital is certainly much smaller here than in the regions outside of the mountains. We are still dreaming of the day when we can again have two doctors to look after our medical work.

From past experience we have found that the people of the mountains are slow to call a doctor with whom they are not acquainted. It did not, however, take a long time for the people to get acquainted with Dr. Elliott. It was not long after his arrival until our clinics were as large as ever and the number of patients in the hospital as many as could be cared for. In fact, there have been times when patients who should have been hospitalized had to be turned away because of lack of room.

We had 244 hospital patients during the year. This was an increase of 25 over last year. This was an average of 5.7 patients per day. Babies born in the hospital number 43, and there were 16 home deliveries attended by members of our staff. A total of 3,625 office and home calls were made. The work of the staff was not confined to the treatment of the sick. For instance, over 300 of the pupils of our Beverly, Jack's Creek and Beech Fork schools were given physical examinations. Then there were the baby and mother clinics; 231 preschool children and 142 mothers attended these clinics. Immunizations numbering 158 were given to various persons.

Everyone recognizes the importance of medical work. To improve the health of people, to relieve them of pain and suffering, and to restore the sick to health is a work that wins the approbation of practically everyone. The importance of this work is emphasized here in the mountains when we remember that a large part of the work of our medical staff would not be done at all if we could not do it. A member of our church from up north visited us a short time ago. He had the opportunity of speaking with a man who had been restored to good health by an operation in our hospital. He was asked, "What did you do before they had a hospital here?" The answer was, "I reckon we just suffered and then up and died."

Before bringing this report to a close let me barely mention a few of the outstanding needs of our work here in Kentucky. (1) I still feel that we should open a new station for evangelistic work. When the need of all other forms of service is past this need will still be with us. (2) We should have a nurse's home. Two outstanding reasons can be mentioned, first, we need the room now occupied by the nurses for patients; second, the nurses should have a place for rest and recreation away from the sound and atmosphere of the hospital where they must work. (3) I would very much like to see an orphanage established here on Red Bird to salvage the lives of boys and girls under 14 years of age, after which they could be transferred to our regular school dormitories. Only those conversant with the situaton in these mountains can realize the good that could be accomplished by such an institution. (4) We need a gymnasium or recreation hall for use on rainy days and during the winter when it is impossible for our students to have recreation out of doors. (5) We really do need a second doctor.

We must bring this report to a close, not because all has been said, but because even a report should have "adequate terminal facilities". We close with gratitude to God for his blessing during the past year and rely upon his guidance and empowering grace to bring us safely and victoriously through the coming years.

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE BOARD OF MISSIONS OF THE EVANGELICAL CHURCH

Cleveland, Ohio October 13-15, 1941

The Annual Meeting of the Executive Committee of the Board of Missions of the Evangelical Church convened in the Cleveland Hotel, Cleveland, Ohio, Monday, October 13th, 1941, at 9:00 a. m.

1.—DEVOTIONS. Bishop G. E. Epp, President of the Board of Missions, called the session to order and read the last verse of the Gospel of Mark: "And they went forth and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them, confirming the Word by the signs that followed. Amen".

The President spoke on "Trail Blazers—Then and Now," and said: "So ends St. Mark's record. It is a triumphant chord, not a note of defeat is in it. The mind and mood of the upper room company has changed. They are certain of many things now. He is alive! They are to carry on! They have witnessed His glorious home-going. They have His credential of the enduement of the Holy Spirit! They have a commission! They are under orders. A dull grip like gravity compels them."

"Like the first century trail blazers, every generation has had such in this missionary venture who—'went forth and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them, confirming the Word by signs that followed.' Persecution and Diaspora followed them. Africa, Europe and Asia feel the touch of their life-giving message. We, like them, despite the present world situation, will go forward preaching the Gospel of redemption everywhere."

Bishop John S. Stamm led in fervent prayer.

2.—ROLL CALL. The roll was called. All members were present.

General

3.—TIME OF DAILY MEETINGS. The time of the daily meetings was fixed as follows:

Morning	9:00 to 12:30 p.m.
Afternoon	2:00 to 5:30 p.m.
Evening	7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Monday evening to be devoted to the meetings of the Committee on Finance and the Committee on Procedure; Tuesday

evening to the meetings of the Committee on Personnel and the Committee on Promotion.

4.—DR. R. H. MUELLER WELCOMED. Dr. R. H. Mueller, the newly elected General Secretary of Christian Education, was welcomed into the Annual Meeting and made an advisory member, taking the place of Dr J. A. Heck, in full membership in the Board of Missions and its Executive Committee beginning with October 30, 1941. Voted that we express our best wishes to Dr. Mueller for large success in his new position.

5.—ASSIGNMENT OF COMMITTEES. Bishop G. E. Epp assigned the additional members of the Woman's Council to the several committees. To the Committee on Finance: Mrs. L. H. Seager and Mrs. F. W. Kaiser; to the Committee on Personnel: Mrs. E. W. Smalzried, Mrs. L. H. Seager, Mrs. C. Heinmiller; to the Committee on Procedure: Mrs. C. Heinmiller, Mrs. E. W. Smalzried; to the Committee on Promotion: Miss L. R. Schweitzer, Mrs. F. W. Kaiser.

a)—The following are the Committees for the Annual Meeting of the Executive Committee of the Board of Missions:

Committee on Finance

Bishop G. E. Epp, Chairman
Mr. Edwin Heina, Secretary
Dr. W. L. Bollman
Bishop C. H. Stauffacher
Mrs. J. S. Stamm
Miss Martha Daeschner
Mr. John Trautmann
Mr. John Kossin
Miss L. R. Schweitzer
Mrs. F. W. Kaiser
Mrs. L. H. Seager

Committee on Personnel

Bishop E W. Praetorius, Chairman
Dr. W. L. Bollman, Secretary
Mr. Edwin Heina
Miss Emma D. Messinger
Bishop J. S. Stamm
Mrs. J. S. Stamm
Mrs. B. F. Zuehl
Mrs. E. W. Smalzried
Mrs. L. H. Seager
Mrs. C. Heinmiller

Committee on Procedure

Bishop J. S. Stamm, Chairman
Dr. C. Heinmiller, Secretary
Dr. E. G. Frye
Dr. J. A. Heck—Dr. R. H. Mueller
Miss Emma D. Messinger
Bishop E. W. Praetorius
Mrs. Nellie F. Smith
Mrs. C. Heinmiller
Mrs. E. W. Smalzried

Committee on Promotion

Bishop C. H. Stauffacher, Chairman
Miss Martha Daeschner, Secretary
Dr. C. Heinmiller
Bishop G. E. Epp
Dr. E. G. Frye
Dr. J. A. Heck
Dr. R. H. Mueller
Mr. John Trautmann
Mrs. Nellie F. Smith
Miss L. R. Schweitzer
Mrs. F. W. Kaiser

6.—MINUTES OF THE WOMAN'S COUNCIL. Voted to refer the minutes of the Woman's Council, of October 10 and 11, 1941, to the Committee on Promotion.

7.—MINUTES OF COMMITTEES. Voted that the Committee on Procedure consider the question of either segregating the items in the Committee Reports under the headings of Mission Fields, or if left in their respective committee reports, grouping actions related to the several mission fields in each report.

8.—ANNUAL REPORTS. (a) The Executive Secretary, Dr. W. L. Bollman, read his annual report, which was received and items requiring further consideration were referred to the Committees of the Annual Meeting.

b)—The Field Secretary, Dr. Carl Heinmiller, read his report, which was received and items needing further action were referred to the Committee on Promotion.

c)—Dr. W. L. Bollman, Treasurer of the Missionary Society, read his report for the year ending August 31, 1941. It was received and referred to the Committee on Finance.

d)—Mr. Edwin Heina read the report of Card, Palmer and Sibbison, C.P.A., of Cleveland, Ohio, which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

e)—Miss Martha Daeschner, Treasurer of the Woman's Department, read her report covering the period from July 17, 1940, to July 31, 1941. It was received and referred to the Committee on Finance.

f)—Dr. W. L. Bollman read the report of Mr. Lee Boyer, C.P.A. of Harrisburg, Pa., on the W.M.S. Treasury; it was received and referred to the Committee on Finance.

9.—FIELD REPORTS. The Annual Reports of the Superintendents of the Japan, China, Africa, Kentucky and Italian Missions were received and referred to the Committee on Promotion.

10.—DEATH OF REV. D. R. KAUFFMAN. Bishop E. W. Praetorius informed the Annual Meeting, in Executive Committee session, of the death of Rev. D. R. Kauffman, former missionary to China, and the following record was approved:

> Rev. D. R. Kauffman was appointed missionary to China by the Executive Committee on Feb. 18, 1914, and sailed for China on Sept. 1, 1916. At the time of his appointment he was a member of the East Pennsylvania Conference, licensed to preach in 1900 and received into the itinerancy of that conference in 1914. He served as evangelistic missionary at Liling, Hunan, China. He was an alumnus of Albright College and the Biblical Seminary of New York City.
> He returned from China on Oct. 13, 1926, and his relation as

missionary terminated, because of illness in the family, on May 1, 1927. At the time of his death he was a member of the Oregon-Washington Conference.
The Executive Committee records its appreciation of the fidelity of Rev. Kauffman to the mission task, and extends to Mrs. Kauffman and family, sympathy and prayers for sustaining grace in their sorrow.

11.—SCHEDULE OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS—1942. Voted that the dates for the Executive Committee meetings for 1942 shall be—February 2-3; April 9-10; and July 22-23, at 9:00 a. m. The February 2-3, 1942, meeting to be held at the Cleveland Hotel, Cleveland, Ohio.

12.—EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS—1942-1943. Voted to refer the fixing of dates for meetings of the Executive Committee in 1942 and 1943 to the Committee on Promotion for study and report.

13.—REPORT OF THE CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE ON THE HISTORY OF MISSIONS. The Executive Secretary read a report of progress on the "History of Missions," which was approved. (See Report.)

14.—SINGLE LADY MISSIONARIES RETIREMENT FUND. The Report of the Committee on the Single Lady Missionaries Retirement Fund was read. Voted to refer this to the Committee on Finance for the formulation of additional regulations.

15.—BOARD OF CHRISTIAN SOCIAL ACTION. A communication was presented from the Board of Christian Social Action. Voted that this be referred to the Committee on Finance for (1) additional appropriation for men in National Service; and (2) the question concerning the establishing of a Loan Fund for Conscientious Objectors.

16.—Adjournment at 12:30 p. m.

AFTERNOON MEETING—OCTOBER 13, 1941

17.—The Chairman, Bishop G. E. Epp, called the Annual Meeting to order at 2:00 p. m. Mrs. F. W. Kaiser led in prayer.

Home Fields

18.—COMMUNICATION—DR. W. W. KRUEGER, D.S. A communication from Dr. W. W. Krueger, District Superintendent of the Northwest Canada Conference, dated October 3, 1941, was read.

Voted to refer this communication to the Committee on Procedure for an expression on the question of opening new mission fields, in the light of previous Executive Committee action.

Kentucky

19.—ANNIVERSARY KENTUCKY MOUNTAIN MISSION. The Executive Committee records its sincere congratulations to the Superintendent and staff of workers in the Kentucky Mountain Mission in the observance of the 20th anniversary of the establishment of the Mission.

The program was worthy of so important an event and the participation of workers, formerly associated, and the present staff emphasized the growth of the Mission from its humble and limited beginnings to a Home Missionary enterprise, which has captured the imagination and devotion of the entire church.

20.—JACK'S CREEK BUILDING PROGRAM. The report of the Special Committee on the rebuilding of the church and school building at Jack's Creek, which was destroyed by fire, was read and approved. (See Report).

Voted that the Executive Secretary secure from the missionary, Rev. J. W. Bischoff, an itemized statement of the total cost and the labor donated, and report at a later meeting.

21.—INSURANCE ON THE JACK'S CREEK BUILDING. It was reported that the Mission has placed insurance on the new building at Jack's Creek for a period of three years, through the Pineville Insurance Agency, in the amount of $2,000.00 on building and $500.00 on contents.

22.—FIRE ESCAPES. It was reported that the materials have been secured and the installation of the fire escapes on the Girl's Dormitory and hospital were in the process of completion.

23.—INVENTORY OF KENTUCKY MISSION PROPERTY. The inventory of our Kentucky Mountain Mission property was presented as set out by the Superintendent, Rev. A. E. Lehman, and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Africa

24.—TREASURER'S REPORT. The Report of the Treasurer, Rev. J. J. Armold, covering the period from January 1st to June 30th, 1941, was received and ordered filed.

25.—EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES. The Executive Committee minutes of July 18, 1941, were presented and approved.

26.—ELECTION OF TREASURER. The election of Rev. A. J. Faust as Treasurer, in place of Rev. J. J. Armold who is on furlough, was approved.

27.—FURLOUGH OF REV. AND MRS. ARMOLD. The following radiogram, dated September 25, 1941, was received:

> "Arriving Fall River, Mass., about the middle of October. Proceeding to New York.—Armolds."

China

28.—SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMUNICATIONS. The communications from Dr. C. C. Talbott, Superintendent of our China Mission, under date of April 16th, August 1st, and August 29th, 1941, were presented for information.

29.—CABLE OF OCTOBER 4th. Inasmuch as the public press gave conflicting reports concerning the war in relation to Changsha, Hunan, as the scene of military action, we record our gratitude to God and our appreciation of the thoughtfulness of the superintendent in sending us the following cable dated October 4, 1941:

"Changsha all well. Notify relatives. Talbott."

30.—SPECIAL OBJECTS OF SUPPORT. A communication dated August 12th, from Miss Justine E. Granner, Secretary of our China Mission, was received, setting out the special objects of support, which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

31.—CHINA STATISTICS. A letter dated September 16th, 1941, from Miss Justine E. Granner, was presented, enclosing a copy of the statistical report of the China Mission, as follows:

Itinerant Preachers: Chinese ..44		
Foreign .. 6	50	
Adults baptized	334	
Present membership (net gain of 201)	2,814	
Educational Work:		
High School, pupils enrolled	457	
Day Schools, pupils enrolled	1,209	
Medical Work: receipts from patients for the year	$5,505.63	Chinese Currency.
Sunday Schools: Total enrollment	2,215	
E.L.C.E. Senior Leagues	26	
Number of members	1,028	
Woman's Missionary Societies	7	
Native Church:		
Total contributions	$16,617.74	Chinese Currency.

Voted that a copy of the statistical report be transmitted to the Church Statistician for his records.

32.—DR. AND MRS. WALTER P. ULMER. A communication from Dr. and Mrs. Walter P. Ulmer to the Annual Meeting of the Executive Committee of the Board of Missions, under date of October 8th, severing their connection with the Board of Missions and the Mission in China, was read and referred to the Committee on Personnel for final action and recommendation.

33.—PASSPORTS AND TRANSPORTATION. a)—It was reported that Rev. and Mrs. Frederick W. Brandauer have received passports for their return to China, but that they are not permitted to take their son Freddie with them; he will remain in America wih relatives.

b)—Rev. and Mrs. Woodrow A. Bartges have not as yet received their passports to China. The Executive Secretary was instructed to send a telegram to the Department of State, Washington, D. C., urging favorable action, that Rev. and Mrs. Bartges are going to China as replacements.

34.—BUDGET FOR CHINA. A communication from Rev. V. L. Farnham, Treasurer, was presented submitting a proposed estimate for the ensuing year, which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

35.—Adjourned at 5:45 p. m. to meet at 9:00 a. m. on Tuesday, October 14th, 1941.

MORNING SESSION—OCTOBER 14, 1941

36.—The Executive Committee was called to order by Bishop G. E. Epp, President, at 9:00 a. m. Dr. J. Arthur Heck, the newly elected president of the Evangelical School of Theology, Albright College, Reading, Pennsylvania, conducted the devotional period, reading II Corinthians 4, and offering prayer.

37.—The Chairman expressed appreciation of the association of Dr. J. A. Heck as a member of the Board of Missions and its Executive Committee, and at headquarters of the Board, 1900 Superior Ave., Cleveland, Ohio, and the following was adopted:

> The Executive Committee notes that this is the final session in which Dr. J. Arthur Heck will participate as a member, by virtue of his position as General Secretary of Christian Education of the Evangelical Church.
>
> We congratulate Dr. Heck on his election as the President of the Evangelical School of Theology of Albright College, Reading, Pa. We are assured that the seven years of intimate association with the life of our missionary enterprise will make his contacts with the future ministers of our church in the Eastern area vital and fruitful.
>
> Dr. Heck has given his best in cooperation and counsel in the meetings of the Board of Missions and its Executive Committee. His reactions have been constructive, always frank and yet fraternally considerate of the opinion of his fellow-members. He entered the deliberations with an intelligent approach and the larger view of our missionary enterprise.

We extend to Dr. Heck our felicitations and most cordial well wishes for largest success in his new responsibility and opportunities.

Japan

38.—MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE JAPAN MISSION. The Minutes of the Executive Committee of the Japan Mission of May 31, 1941, were presented and the following actions taken:

a)—In answer to the requests of the Executive Committee of the Japan Mission, in session on May 31st, to-wit:

"ORPHANAGE SELF-SUPPORT.—Voted to recommend to the Board of Missions the granting of Yen 7000.00 (which is the approximate Annual Budget) annually for a period of five years for Orphanage Self-Support.

Voted that we look with favor upon the establishment of this work upon a permanent basis; but that we are not in a position now to commit the Board of Missions to this five year grant; however, that we make an additional grant for the ensuing year of Yen 7000.00 of which amount Yen 5500.00 are for the current operations, and Yen 1500.00 for the permanent fund of the Orphanage (Aisenyro).

b)—MRS. H. THEDE'S MEDICAL BILL. Voted that the treasurer of the Japan Mission is authorized to pay this additional medical bill for Mrs. Harvey Thede, in the amount of Yen 75.00.

39.—MINUTES APPROVED. The Minutes of the Executive Committee of the Japan Mission of May 31, 1941, with the exception of such items which were referred for special action, were approved.

40.—TREASURER'S REPORT. Voted that the Financial Report of the Treasurer, Rev. Harvey Thede, covering the period from January 1st to June 30th, 1941, be received and placed on file.

41.—CABLE FROM DR. PAUL S. MAYER. The cable from Dr. Paul S. Mayer, Superintendent of our Japan Mission under date of June 30, 1941, in response to our cable forwarding the $30,000.00, was received as follows:

"RECEIVED. THANKS. MAYER"

42.—DR. PAUL S. MAYER'S CABLE—OCTOBER 2, 1941. The following cable was received from Superintendent Dr. Paul S. Mayer:

"TO ACCOMPLISH SELF SUPPORT PLAN MISSION RECOMMENDS SALE OF THEDE HOUSE AND RECONSTRUCTION OF KORIYAMA RESIDENCE INTO CHURCH. PRESENT CHURCH AND SITE TO BE SOLD."

In answer to the above cablegram from the Superintendent, it was voted:

(1)—That the request for authorization to sell the Koriyama Church and lot be approved.

(2)—That we authorize the reconstruction of the Koriyama missionary residence for church purposes.

(3)—In answer to the request for authorization to sell the "Thede House" on the Mejiro Compound in Tokyo, it was

Voted that we call attention to a previous action of the Executive Committee with respect to the sale of missionary residences. Voted further that we defer action on this request until supporting letters, with fuller information, are received from Superintendent Paul S. Mayer.

43.—FURLOUGH OF MISS IRENE ANDERSON. It was reported that Miss Irene Anderson arrived in America on furlough, July 30, 1941.

44.—REV. HARVEY THEDE'S RETURN TO AMERICA. It was announced that in answer to the following cable from Rev. Harvey Thede, under date of September 23rd:

"RETURNING VIA SHANGHAI. CABLE SOON $600.00 U. S. DOLLARS CARE ASSOCIATED TREASURERS, 169 YUEN MING, SHANGHAI. ALSO CLERGY AND TRAVEL TO WEATHERWAX. INFORM FAMILY. THEDE."

Treasurer W. L. Bollman cabled $600.00 U. S. dollars for the use of Rev. Thede, and that action is hereby approved.

45.—Voted (a) that matters relating to the return of Rev. Harvey Thede to America, deputation and leave of absence, be referred to the Committee on Personnel.

(b)—That matters pertaining to rent, allowances, etc., be referred to the Committee on Finance.

46.—THE SHADAN. Voted that record be made of the salient factors in Dr. Paul S. Mayer's letter of June 13th,, and certain sections contained in his report to the Annual Meeting, as follows:

"The Shadan is the legal corporation which has held all of the property of our church in Japan. It was organized in July, 1911, and for the last thirty years it has faithfully performed the duties entrusted to it. All of the members have been missionaries.

"The chief changes are the following: the name of the Shadan is to be changed from THE SHADAN of the missionaries of the Evangelical Church in Japan to the SHADAN of the Evangelical Church in Japan. Even

though the Evangelical Church, as such, disappears because of the Union, this Shadan, for the time being at least, will continue to function under the above name. Eventually when the United Church is fully established, it is to be expected that a Holding Body of the United Church will be formed. A second important change has to do with the membership of the Shadan. There will be sixteen (16) members, of whom twelve (12) are to be Japanese pastors and laymen, and four (4) are to be missionaries. Within this group of sixteen (16) there will be a Board of Directors of five (5) members, four of whom will be Japanese and one will be a missionary. The emphasis has been shifted from a Missionary Controlled Holding Corporation to a Japanese Controlled Body". (From the Annual Report of the Superintendent, Dr. Paul S. Mayer—1941).

47.—EVACUATION. The Annual Meeting of the Missionary Society in Executive Session, approves the sending of the cable by Dr. Bollman on August 20th, as follows:

"IN VIEW PRESENT UNCERTAINTY REITERATE YOU HAVE WIDE DISCRETION ANY STAYING OF LEAVING HAVE OUR UNQUALIFIED CONFIDENCE AND SUPPORT. APPLICATION MADE FOR APPROVAL OF TRANSMISSION OF FUNDS."

Voted that we reaffirm this position.

Miscellaneous Items

48.—PROPOSAL OF THE BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION. The following proposal was received from the Board of Christian Education:

(1)—"The Committee on Unification of Young People's Work in the Local Church presented its report in the form of a Tentative Constitution for a Young People's Union in the Local Church. Voted that the tentative constitution be approved by this Board, and submitted to the Board of Missions for is approval or amending, and that if and when approval is given the document be released for experimental use."

(2)—Copies of the Tentative Constitution for a Young People's Union in the Local Church were presented by the General Secretary of the Board of Christian Education, which constitution provides five departments, one of which is the Department of Missions.

(3)—"The Young People's Union" of the Local Church shall be composed of—"All young people fifteen to twenty-four years of age, who are members of the local Evangelical

Church shall by virtue of that membership be members of the Union."

(4)—After careful consideration of various elements and factors in this problem, the request of the Board of Christian Education were referred to the Committee on Procedure, together with the tentative constitution.

49.—The Annual Meeting of the Executive Committee adjourned at 11:45 a. m. in order to make room for committee meetings, to meet again at the call of the Chair.

AFTERNOON SESSION—OCTOBER 15, 1941

50.—Bishop G. E. Epp called the Annual Meeting into session at 4:45 p. m.

51.—MINUTES READ AND APPROVED. The Executive Secretary read the minutes of the Annual Meeting in Executive Session for Monday and Tuesday, which were approved.

52.—LETTER AND PETITION—CONSCIENTIOUS OBJECTORS. Voted that we record the reception of the letter from Rev. Dewey R. Eder, pastor of First Evangelical Church, Naperville, Illinois, enclosing a petition relating to the matter of loans and gifts to Conscientious Objectors in Civilian Public Service Camps. Voted that these be referred to the Committee on Finance.

53.—JOHN F. SCHICKEDANZ ESTATE. Bishop G. E. Epp presented a notice from Attorney Walter L. Wenger, Chicago, Illinois, who represented the Evangelical Church in the settlement of the estate of John F. Schickedanz, deceased, late of Livingston County, Illinois.

54.—EVENING MEETING. Voted that the Committees on Finance and Procedure meet at 7:00 this evening, in order to complete, if possible, the matters of business on their agendas.

55.—ADJOURNED. The meeting adjourned at 5:30 p. m. to reconvene at 9:00 a. m. on Wednesday, October 15, 1941.

MORNING SESSION—OCTOBER 15, 1941

56.—The Annual Meeting of the Executive Committee reconvened at 9:00 a. m., with Bishop Epp presiding. Dr. E. G. Frye led in prayer.

Committee Reports

57.—COMMITTEE ON PROMOTION. The Committee on Promotion submitted its report, which was adopted. (See Report).

58.—COMMITTEE ON PROCEDURE. The Committee on Procedure submitted its report, which was adopted. (See Report).

59.—COMMITTEE ON PERSONNEL. The Committee on Personnel submitted its report, which was adopted. (See Report).

60.—MEMORIAL TO GENERAL CONFERENCE. Voted to authorize the Executive Committee to formulate Memorials to the General Conference of 1942, in matters relating to changes of constitution and all other actions of the Missionary Society of the Evangelical Church requiring General Conference action.

61.—COMMITTEE ON FINANCE. The Committee on Finance presented the first part of its Report, which was adopted. (See Report).

62.—Adjourned at 12:30 p. m. to reconvene at 2:00 p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION—OCTOBER 15, 1941

63.—The Meeting was called to order at 2:00 p. m., and on motion recessed to permit the Committee on Finance to complete items of business on its agenda. The Executive Committee is to reconvene at the call of the Chair.

64.—At 4:45 p. m. the Chair called the Annual Meeting into session, when the Committee on Finance presented a partial report.

65.—Adjourned at 5:30 p. m.

EVENING SESSION—OCTOBER 15, 1941

66.—The Executive Committee was called to order at 7:15 p. m.

67.—The Committee on Finance submitted the remainder of its report, which was adopted. (See item 61). (See Report).

68.—FEBRUARY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING. Voted that the next Executive Committee meeting, scheduled for February 2-3, 1942, be held in the Cleveland Hotel, Cleveland, Ohio.

69.—INTERCESSION. Bishop G. E. Epp led in the closing prayer.

70.—Adjournment.

W. L. Bollman, Secretary.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

REPORT OF THE CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE ON "THE HISTORY OF EVANGELICAL MISSIONS"

Your Committee on "The History of Evangelical Missions" reports having had a meeting with the historian, Dr. Paul Eller, on June 30th, at which time a preliminary draft of the

manuscript was reviewed and suggestions as to the size and content mutually agreed upon.

On Sept. 15th and 16th, 1941, this Committee had a meeting with the historian, and the revised manuscript was considered by the members of the committee present. Bishop C. H. Stauffacher was unavoidably detained.

Plans for a meeting of the committee on December 12th and 13th, are now developing at which time it is hoped the approved manuscript will be ready to print, in harmony with the action of the Executive Committee taken on June 19-20, 1941.

G. E. Epp, Chairman
W. L. Bollman, Secretary.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE SINGLE LADY MISSIONARIES' RETIREMENT FUND

The Plan for the Retirement of Single Lady Missionaries adopted in principle by the Board of Missions, October, 1940, was adopted in fact by the Executive Committee on January 7-8, 1941, and a committee of three, consisting of the Executive Secretary, the Field Secretary and Edwin Heina, was authorized to complete the setup. (See Executive Committee Minutes of March 18-19, 1941, pages 18, 19 and 20, item 17).

At the meeting of the Executive Committee, June 19-20, 1941 (see page 20) we reported that funds allocated by previous action in the amount of $15,000.00 had been transferred to this account and records completed for making the provisions of the plan effective.

We now report having issued certificates of membership to the following:

Dr. Susan Bauernfeind	Miss Lydia B. Rice
Miss Gertrude Bloede	Miss Laura Mauk
Miss Luella Utecht	Miss Edna Schweitzer
Miss Leta V. King	Miss Irene Anderson
Miss Sarah J. Schwingle	Miss Lois Kramer
Miss Joyce Plaxton	Miss Verna Hertzler

Correspondence was addressed to all missionaries who are included. Difficulties in mail service, without doubt, delayed some of these replies.

Several questions arise from the present situation:

a.—Should a missionary serve the church for many years without joining the Fund but a few years prior to the retirement age decide to take advantage of the previsions of the Fund?

b.—In order to avoid misunderstanding in the future should

not definite instructions be given so as to avoid misunderstandings later?

Sincere words of appreciation by the single lady missionaries of the inauguration of the plan are expressed in every letter.

Miss Joyce Plaxon, who resigned from our staff in the Kentucky Mountain Mission at the Annual Meeting of the Mission, August 22-23, 1941, received her certificate of membership on August 7, 1941.

Twelve certificates of membership have been issued and three applications are pending.

W. L. Bollman, Secretary.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON JACK'S CREEK CHURCH AND SCHOOL BUILDING KENTUCKY MISSION

Your Committee respectfully submits the following report:

At a meeting of the Executive Committee, March 18-19, 1941, your committee was authorized to proceed with the erection of a building to take the place of the building at Jack's Creek destroyed by fire. The maximum amount for completion of the building was set at $6,000.00.

On March 27, 1941, the Committee met at the Cincinnati Y. M. C. A. with the following members present; Bishop C. H. Stauffacher, C. Heinmiller, A. E. Lehman, J. W. Bischoff, pastor at Jack's Creek, and the Secretary of this Committee. Mr. Edison Roark, lay member of our Jack's Creek Church, the additional member of this Committee, was absent because of illness in his family.

The action of this Committee, on the date indicated, was reported and approved by the Executive Committee at its esssion June 19-20, 1941. It provided:

1.—That the building be located on the site of the building destroyed by fire.

2.—The estimate of probable cost was $5,700. The representatives of the Committee in Kentucky were authorized to proceed on a revised estimate of the cost of building, equipment and furnishing of $5,500.00, and it was further provided that should the building call for an expenditure of more than $5,500.00 such additional cost shall be submitted to the Committee for approval.

3.—In the estimate of the building program it was found wise to construct the building of stone, for which the Committee authorized an addition to the Budget of $200.00.

4.—Difficulty was experienced in securing adequate heating

equipment, necessitating authorization of an additional $200.00, bringing the total authorized expenditure to $5,900.00, which would make it still within $100.00 of the maximum expenditure authorized.

Your Committee regrets that difficulty in securing satisfactory heating equipment has not only occasioned an increased amount of expenditure, but caused a precarious situation with the approach of winter. Firms like Montgomery Ward & Co., and others of reputable standing have been approached and declined interest in the project. At the writing of this report no definite information is at hand as to the present status of this heating problem.

Your Committee wishes to pay special tribute in this report to the wise leadership of the new missionary, Rev. J. W. Bischoff. High commendation has been given him in the report of the Superintendent and others who have been on the field. The unanimous report is that the building as completed will be a credit to our Mission.

C. H. Stauffacher, Chairman
W. L. Bollman, Secretary.

REPORT OF THE COMMITEE ON FINANCE

Your Committee on Finance submits the following report:

1.—Missions in Europe

Whereas, The existing international situation has seriously hindered direct contact with our work and workers in Central European countries, and

Whereas, Governmental regulations now prohibit the transmission of missionary appropriations to all European Missions of the Evangelical Church with the current exception of Switzerland, therefore

Resolved, That a EUROPEAN MISSIONARY RESERVE ACCOUNT in the amount of $26,600.00 be set up on the books of the Missionary Society of the Evangelical Church in Cleveland, Ohio, further

Resolved, That so long as the way remains open for the transmission of missionary funds under U. S. Government regulations to Switzerland, such amounts as may be sent shall be charged against said European Missionary Reserve Account.

Resolved, That when the way opens for the further support of our Evangelical Mission Work in Europe, upon action of the Board of Missions, or its Executive Committee, appropriations may be made to such work out of this Reserve Account.

2.—Evangelical Mission in Japan

Whereas, On October 17, 1940, in the presence of 20,000 Christians assembled in Tokyo, Japan, public announcement was made that the Protestant Churches in Japan had decided to unite into one church, that would become independent of foreign financial support and control, and

Whereas, the Japan Conference of the Evangelical Church voted to become an integral part of this "Church of Christ in Japan". The Executive Committee of the Board of Missions voted $30,000.00 as a "parting gift" to the Japan Conference and Bible Women's Work, and

Whereas, Support of the foreign missionaries of this Board, the Educational, Benevolent and Social projects of our Japan Mission is still open to our Board, and

In view of the present international situation and the governmental restrictions on the transmission of mission funds to Japan,

Resolved, That in the event the above named limitations and restrictions make impossible the sending of missionary money to the support of our missionaries and their work in Japan, a JAPAN MISSION RESERVE ACCOUNT shall be set up on the books of the Missionary Society of the Evangelical Church in Cleveland, Ohio, against which the treasurer is instructed to charge all expenditures authorized by the Board of Missions or its Executive Committee, for work when such funds may be legally forwarded.

3.—Appropriations for the Year 1942-1943

Following a careful study of the askings and needs of the various missionary units of the church,

Resolved, That the sum of $307,537.00 be appropriated out of the General Treasury of the Missionary Society for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 1941 and ending August 31, 1942, as per the schedule attached herewith.

4.—Treasurer W. L. Bollman's Report

Voted that on page 29, certain items under "printing" i.e. Group Insurance $82.78, and Rent $1000.00, be deducted from the total for printing, making this amount $3,728.82 and the same items added on page 30, under General Expense making that total $6,646.42.

Voted that the Report of the Treasurer, W. L. Bollman be adopted.

5.—Auditor's Report

We have examined the report of Card, Palmer and Sibbison, C.P.A., Auditors for the account of the Treasurer of the Mission-

ary Society, together with the comments on same, and report as follows:

a.—The Treasurer is instructed to secure from the County Auditor of Summit County, Ohio, the amount of Taxes past due on the property of Adam Hawk, on which we hold a mortgage, and also what provision for payments are being followed.

b.—Whereas, Superintendent A. E. Lehman of the Kentucky Mountain Mission, has recently furnished an inventory of fixed assets of the Mission, therefore

Resolved, That Bishop G. E. Epp and W. L. Bollman are instructed to adjust the accounts on the books of the Missionary Society to reflect the values shown in the above mentioned inventory.

c.—Voted that the Report of Auditors, Card, Palmer and Sibbison, C.P.A., be approved.

6.—Report of Miss Martha Daeschner, Treasurer of the W.M.S.

Voted that the Annual Report of the Treasurer, Miss Martha Daeschner, of the Woman's Missionary Society be adopted.

7.—Auditor's Report

Voted that the Report of Lee Boyer, of the accounts of the Treasurer of the W.M.S., be approved.

8.—Appointment of Auditors

Voted, That Card, Palmer & Sibbison, C.P.A., be engaged as Auditors for the accounts of Treasurer W. L. Bollman for the ensuing year.

Voted, That Lee Boyer, C.P.A., be engaged as Auditor for the accounts of Treasurer Martha Daeschner for the ensuing year.

9.—Surety Bonds

Voted, That Surety Bonds be renewed as follows:

W. L. Bollman, Treasurer of the Missionary Society	$20,000.00
Martha Daeschner, Treasurer of the Woman's Department	10,000.00
Mary C. Schmidt, Secretary to W. L. Bollman	5,000.00
Marion Keller, Secretary to Martha Daeschner	5,000.00

for one year from October 10, 1941. The President to be the custodian of these bonds.

10.—Transfer of Washington D. C. Property

This matter is still in process, waiting for a response from the pastor of the Albright Memorial Evangelical Church, Washington, D. C.

11.—New England Conference

Voted the renewal fo one year of the arrangement with the New England Conference to match dollar for dollar on all money raised on the field for debt reduction.

12.—Conference Year Extension—Oregon-Washington

Whereas, The Conference year in the Oregon-Washington Conference has been extended by two and one-half months to July 31st, therefore

Resolved, That the appropriation made to this conference shall be extended for this period in the amount of $2,187.50.

13.—Montana Conference—Billings

Voted, That the present interest arrangement on the loan to the Billings Charge, shall be extended for a period of three years; provided that the Billings charge shall raise $500.00 per year to be applied on the principal of the loan.

14.—Dunlap Evangelical Church, India Conference

Whereas, the arrangement entered into, June 26, 1938, for three years, providing that ⅔ of the interest paid in this period shall be applied as payment on the principal of the loan, has expired therefore

Resolved, That the arrangement shall be extended for three years under the same conditions.

15.—Request of Dunlap Church, Indiana Conference

Whereas, the Executive Committee of the Missionary Society of the Indiana Conference, and the District Superintendents of the Indiana Conference, presented a request for a grant of $10,000.00 for the Dunlap Evangelical Church, or a cancellation of the mortgage held by the Missionary Society, therefore

Resolved, That in view of the loans made by the Board of Missions to the Indiana Conference, and the special interest arrangement made with the Dunlap Evangelical Church, it is not possible for us to grant their request.

16.—American Piano Company Stock

Voted, That the treasurer is hereby authorized to sell three (3) shares Class A. Stock of the American Piano Company at market value.

17.—Deaconess Society Certificate of Deposit

Whereas, the Deaconess Society through its Treasurer, G. W. Engelter, offers Certificates of Deposit, drawn on the Canadian Exchange Treasury, received from the Administrative Council in the amount of $260.00, as a payment on the principal of their note to the Missionary Society,

Resolved, That the Treasurer is authorized to accept the above Certificates of Deposit as payment on said note.

18.—Union Park Loan, Oregon-Washington Conference

Referring to the request of H. H. Dunkelberger, for a reduction in the principal of the loan on the Union Park, Spokane, Washington property, and

In view of the large appropriation made each year to the Oregon-Washington Conference, we cannot accede to this request.

19.—Investment of Funds

In view of the large balance in checking and savings accounts of the Missionary Society, the Executive Committee is authorized to invest up to $50,000.00 in long term U .S. Government Bonds.

20.—Transmission of Appropriations to Africa

In view of the present situation in respect to funds in Africa, we instruct the Treasurer to forward one-quarter installment of the current appropriation to the treasurer of our Africa Mission.

21.—Furlough Rent Allowances

Voted to increase the rent allowances from $20,00 to $30.00 per month, payable by the Missionary Society to missionary families who are home on furlough from foreign fields.

22.—Schrotberger Estate

Referring to the request of our representative in the George L. Schrotberger Estate, Rev. E. F. Haist, enclosing a power of attorney in favor of James A. Brown,

). Resolved, That the Power of Attorney requested be granted as follows :—

"KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS: That the undersigned, The Missionary Society of the Evangelical Church of Cleveland, Ohio, does hereby make, constitute and appoint Mr. James A. Brown, of Lincoln, Nebraska, its true and lawful attorney to collect, receipt for, release and surrender to the proper person or persons, all mortgages, participation certificates, real estate bonds, dividend checks, or any other security or securities in connection with the George L. Schrotberger bequest to the said The Missionary Society of the Evangelical Church and the Board of Foreign Missions of the M. E. Church. Also with power to divide such securities in the proportion of three-fourths to the said The Missionary Society of the Evangelical Church, and one-fourth to the Board of Foreign Missions of the M. E. Church, and to receive and receipt for all such securities, all to the same extent, and in the same manner, and as fully and completely as the undersigned Missionary Society could do if personally present,

to the end that all securities of the said George L. Schrotberger Estate now held in trust for said Missionary Society and said Board of Foreign Missions may be collected, and if not immediately collected, may be divided between said Missionary Society and said Board of Foreign Missions in accordance with the terms of the will of said George L. S. Schrotberger, deceased, which will has heretofore been duly admitted to probate in the Country Court of Lancaster County, Nebraska. And we do hereby authorize and empower our said attorney to do each and every act and thing necessary and proper to be done in the handling of said trust funds, and the collection of, or the division of, all said securities, hereby ratifying and confirming each and every act and thing that our said attorney may do pursuant to and by virtue of this power of attorney."

(b)—That the Executive Secretary is requested to communicate with Rev. E. F. Haist concerning the relation of James A. Brown to this case, and if evidence is satisfactory to the Executive Secretary he is authorized to sign the Power of Attorney.

23.—Bangor, Penna., United Evangelical Congregational Church Bonds

Whereas, no reply has been received from Woodley and Davis, Attorneys, representing the United Evangelical Congregational Church of Bangor, Pennsylvania, therefore

Resolved, That the Executive Secretary request our Attorney, Mr. Oscar J. Horn, to communicate with them seeking to collect the principal and interest due on this account.

24.—The Rev. J. H. Yaggy Bequest

Whereas there is an opportunity to sell the 80 acres of land located near Lewis, Kansas bequeathed to the Missionary Society, at $45.00 per acre, provided a cash settlement is made with the daughter who has a life interest in this property,

Resolved, That the Executive Secretary be authorized to effect such settlement with this party, with an esimated share for the Missionary Society of $750.00.

25.—Annuity—Rev. D. L. Reichert

The Treasurer is requested to communicate with Rev. D. L. Reichert, of Waterloo, Iowa, regarding the amount of annuity he has in mind and whether the property can be transferred with clear title.

26.—Wapakoneta, Ohio—Request for a Loan

Whereas, ten per cent of our loans are now on property in the Indiana Conference,

Resolved, that we cannot grant this request.

27.—Owosso, Michigan—Loan

In view of the inquiry regarding a loan, received from the pastor, Rev. E. F. Bailey, of Owosso, Michigan, the Treasurer is requested to secure the necessary data on values, etc.

Upon receipt of satisfactory information the Treasurer is authorized to loan up to $8,000.00 at five per cent interest to this congregation, provided that the Trustees of the Michigan Conference endorse the loan, and the principal to be amortized at the rate of $1,000.00 per year.

28.—Additional Rules Covering Retirement Allowances to Single Lady Missionaries

Voted to appoint Edwin Heina, W. L. Bollman and G. E. Epp to formulate additional rules covering retirement allowances to the single lady missionaries, and report to the Executive Committee.

29.—Special Objects of Support for China

The following list of special objects of support were reported by Miss Justine E. Granner, Secretary of the China Mission, all within the budget:

(1)—Students in:

Yali Senior or Junior Middle School for Boys.
Albright Junior Middle School for Boys and Girls.
Fuh Siang Senior or Junior Middle School for Girls.
Mingteh Junior Middle School for Boys and Girls.
Theological Seminary.
Bible School.

(2)—Hospitals:

Endowment of bed in the Tungjen or Liling Hospital.
Memorial Church.
Support of a Pastor or a Bible Woman.

30.—Grant and Loan to Junita Park Evangelical Church, Philadelphia, Pa.

Voted, That we reaffirm our original grant and loan to the Juniata Park Evangelical Church, of Philadelphia, Pa., project, and that the Field Secretary be our representative on the Plan, arrangements for bonding the contractors and signing of contracts.

31.—Grant to Cheverly Evangelical Church, Washington, D. C. Project

Voted, That we approve a grant of $6,000.00, to be paid as follows: $3,000.00 at the time of building, $2,000.00 one year later, and $1,000.00 the ensuing year.

32.—Grant to Cleveland Hill Evangelical Church, Buffalo, New York, Project

Voted, That we are favorable to a grant for the Cleveland Hill

Evangelical Church project, of Buffalo, New York, but will defer action on the amount thereof awaiting a report from the congregation and the conference on the amount each will contribute.

33.—Grant to Hereford Evangelical Church, Detroit, Michigan, Project

Voted, That we have received the report on the Hereford Evangelical Church of Detroit, Michigan, project.

Inasmuch as no survey has yet been made, we appoint W. L. Bollman, C. Heinmiller and Edwin Heina as the Survey Committee and report to the Executive Committee.

34.—Grant to University Heights Evangelical Church, Cleveland, Ohio

Since a report on this project has been presented, and as no survey has yet been made, we appoint as a Survey Committee the following: John S. Stamm, W. L. Bollman, C. Heinmiller, G. E. Epp and Edwin Heina.

35.—Grants "Plan for Aid"

Voted, That we appropriate $20,000.00 on the "Plan for Aid" and that of this amount at least $10,000.00 be allocated to New Mission Projects. The term "new missions" is defined as follows:

"A New Mission means the beginning of a new congregation, and the erection of a new church building, in a new location."

Voted, That these statements be referred to a committee consisting of the Secretaries, G. E. Epp and Edwin Heina to formulate a statement interpreting the Board of Missions meaning of "New Missions."

36.—Board of Christian Social Action

Voted, That we appropriate $1,000.00 to the Board of Christian Social Action for its ministry to men in National Service.

37.—Conscientious Objectors

Voted, That this Board establish a loan fund in the amount of $1,000.00 up to $3,000.00, if needed, for the purpose of making loans to Conscientious Objectors registered in Civilian Public Service Camps, governed by the provisions which shall be jointly set up by the Committees of the Board of Christian Education and the Board of Missions as to the form of note, interest, rate, signature endorsements, plan for repayment, etc.

38.—Change of Heating—Kentucky

Inasmuch as we have received a communication together with data, from the Superintendent, Rev. A. E. Lehman, of the Kentucky Mountain Mission, relating to the change in plan for heating our buildings at Beverly, Kentucky, from coal to the use of gas.

Voted, That action on the matter be deferred and the Committee on Finance, is instructed to pursue further consideration of all the elements involved in this change.

MISSIONARY APPROPRIATIONS—1942-1943
Fiscal Year—September 1, 1941, to August 31, 1942

I.—General Expense

Attorney's Expenses	$ 200.00	
Auditors	300.00	
Bonding of Officials	62.00	
Rental—U. C. Bank	15.00	
Children's Day Plates	50.00	
Children's Day Posters	250.00	
Christian World Facts	125.00	
Delegates Expenses:		
Foreign Missions Conference	125.00	
Home Missions Council	75.00	
East Asia Committee	100.00	
Conference Outgoing Missionaries	25.00	
Eastern Asia and Christian Literature	25.00	
Express Charges	50.00	
Canada Exchange Treasurer	50.00	
Foreign Missions Day Posters	265.00	
Foreign Missions Conference Reports	50.00	
German Translations	50.00	
Legal Property Transfers	100.00	
Office Equipment	300.00	
Office Supplies	300.00	
Postage	1,750.00	
Printing	4,500.00	
Promotional Special Account	1,000.00	
Property Expense	900.00	
Rent	1,000.00	
Salaries and Allowances	10,000.00	
Subscriptions	15.00	
Survey Expenses—"Plan for Aid"	100.00	
Telephone, Telegraph and Cables	500.00	
Travel Expenses	3,000.00	
Superannuation Fund 3% on salaries	1,275.00	
Miscellaneous	300.00	
TOTAL	$26,857.00	$26,857.00

II.—Grants

Foreign Missions Conference, Regular	$ 375.00	
Foreign Missions Conference, Special	50.00	
Foreign Missions Conference, East Asia Committee	60.00	
Home Missions Council, Regular	100.00	
Home Missions Council, Special	25.00	
Missionary Education Movement	75.00	
United Stewardship Council	50.00	
General Army and Navy Committee	100.00	
Student Volunteer Movement	30.00	
Rochester, Minnesota	250.00	
Board of Christian Social Action for Men in National Service	1,000.00	
World Sunday School Association	25.00	
Committee on Foreign Relief Appeals in the Churches	100.00	
Orphaned Missions	500.00	
TOTAL	$ 2,740.00	$ 2,740.00

III.—Interest on Annuities and Standing Funds

Interest on Annuities	$14,000.00	
Interest on W.M.S. Standing Funds	450.00	
TOTAL	$14,450.00	$14,450.00

IV.—North America

	Approp. Out of General Treasury	What Conferences Will Raise	Total Appropriations
A—Annual Conferences			
Atlantic	$ 7,000.00	$ 12,000.00	$ 19,000.00
California	2,000.00	5,050.00	7,050.00
Canada	.....	7,500.00	7,500.00
Central Pennsylvania	.....	25,000.00	25,000.00
Colorado	11,500.00	3,000.00	14,500.00
East Pennsylvania	.....	12,000.00	12,000.00
Illinois	.....	25,000.00	25,000.00
Indiana	.....	12,000.00	12,000.00
Iowa	.....	11,000.00	11,000.00
Kansas	2,500.00	12,000.00	14,500.00
Michigan	4,000.00	10,000.00	14,000.00
Minnesota	.....	12,000.00	12,000.00
Montana	9,500.00	1,850.00	11,350.00
Nebraska	12,000.00	7,800.00	19,800.00
New England—Regular	5,000.00	1,000.00	7,000.00
" —Special	1,000.00		

	Approp. Out of General Treasury	What Conferences Will Raise	Total Appropriations
North Dakota	7,000.00	3,000.00	10,000.00
New York	.....	4,295.00	4,295.00
Northwest Canada—Regular	12,000.00		
" " (1) Special	2,000.00	2,200.00	16,500.00
" " (2) Special	300.00		
Ohio	.....	25,000.00	25,000.00
Oregon-Washington	10,500.00	4,000.00	14,500.00
Pittsburgh	2,200.00	6,000.00	8,200.00
South Dakota—Regular	6,000.00	3,500.00	10,500.00
" " —Special	1,000.00		
Texas	4,500.00	1,200.00	5,700.00
Wisconsin	.....	24,000.00	24,000.00
TOTAL	$100,000.00	$230,395.00	$330,395.00
B—Italian and Kentucky Missions			
Italian Mission	$ 7,995.00	$ 2,673.50	$ 10,668.50
Kentucky Mission—			
Regular $23,030.00			
Special 940.00	$23,970.00	$21,955.00	$45,925.00
TOTAL	$ 31,965.00	$ 24,628.50	$ 56,593.50
***V.—Missions in Europe**			
Reserve Account	$ 26,600.00		$ 26,600.00
TOTAL	$ 26,600.00		$ 26,600.00
VI.—Missions in Asia			
†Japan Mission—Reserve Account	$ 35,000.00		$ 35,000.00
Regular $32,000.00			
Emergency ... 3,000.00			
China Mission	35,000.00		35,000.00
TOTAL	$ 70,000.00		$ 70,000.00
VII.—Mission in Africa			
Evangelical Mission in the Sudan	$ 15,225.00		$ 15,225.00
Regular $12,825.00			
Doctor, if needed, and travel 2,400.00			
TOTAL	$ 15,225.00		$ 15,225.00

NOTE—*Missions in Europe—See Item No. 1 Report of Committee on Finance.

†Missions in Japan—See Item No. 2 Report of Committee on Finance.

VIII.—Grants for Aid

	Approp. Out of General Treasury	What Conferences Will Raise	Total Appropriations
New Missions and Relocated Missions	$ 20,000.00		$ 20,000.00
TOTAL	$ 20,000.00		$ 20,000.00

Summary

General Expense	$ 26,857.00	
Grants	2,740.00	
Interest on Annuities and Standing Funds	14,450.00	
North America:		
Annual Conferences	100,000.00	
Italian and Kentucky Missions	31,965.00	
Grants for Aid— New Missions / Relocated Missions	20,000.00	
European Missions — Reserve Account	26,600.00	
Japan Mission — Reserve Account	35,000.00	
China Mission	35,000.00	
Africa Mission	15,225.00	
Total Appropriation out of General Treasury	$307,837.00	
Amounts Conference Will Raise		$255,023.50
GRAND TOTAL—MISSIONARY APPROPRIATIONS		$562,860.50

G. E. Epp, Chairman
E. Heina, Secretary.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PROCEDURE

Your Committee on Procedure submits the following report:

1.—E.T.S. Program Development

In response to a communication from the students of the Evangelical Theological Seminary, Naperville, Illinois, dated October 9, 1941, concerning the need for a program of development for the

ministry of our rural churches through enlarged and continuing educational opportunities, we recognize the large possibilities for good in such a program and recommend the appointment of a committee consisting of Bishop C. H. Stauffacher, C. Heinmiller and E. D. Riebel to formulate a program for the participation of the Missionary Society in this worthy project, this plan to be presented for review to the next meeting of this Executive Committee.

2.—Representatives Interdenominational Units

We recommend the appointment of the following persons as the representatives of this Board in the interdenominational relationships of the Missionary Society:

Foreign Missions Conference

W. L. Bollman E. G. Frye
C. Heinmiller

Home Missions Council

W. L. Bollman C. Heinmiller
A third person to be selected by the officers of the Missionary Society.

East Asia Committee

Mrs. J. S. Stamm W. L. Bollman

Church Committee for China Relief

Mrs. J. S. Stamm W. L. Bollman

United Stewardship Council

C. Heinmiller

Missionary Education Movement

C. Heinmiller

General Army and Navy Committee

Bishop C. H. Stauffacher

3.—British Columbia Expansion

In response to the petition of Dr. W. W. Krueger, Superintendent of the Northwest Canada Conference, under date of October 3, 1941, relating to the proposed expansion of our work into the Chilliwack, Abbotsford and Vancouver areas of British Columbia, we recommend:

a.—That, in view of the limited facts available for the study of this plan by this Committee, the Missionary Society is not in a position to authorize such expansion at this time.

b.—That the amount of $300.00 be appropriated for the expense of pastoral visitation to the people of these areas.

c.—That a committee consisting of Bishop E. W. Praetorius, Bishop G. E. Epp and C. Heinmiller be appointed to study this project for report to the Board Meeting in 1942.

4.—Beverly, Kentucky, Pastor

With reference to the appointment of a pastor for Beverly, Kentucky, we recognize the need of a more effective pastoral ministry for this station. We, however, recognize that there are a number of involvements in such an appointment.

Therefore, Recommend that a study of this whole project be made by the Bishop of Kentucky and the two secretaries of the Missionary Society for report of their findings to the Executive Committee.

5.—Home for Nurses—Kentucky

In response to the request for authority to build a home for nurses in the hospital compound at Beverly, Kentucky, we recommend that this project be approved for a cost not to exceed $4,000.00. The plans and location for this home to be referred to a committee consisting of the Bishop of the Kentucky Mountain Mission, the Secretaries of the Missionary Society, the Superintendent, the Doctor and Miss Lydie B. Rice of the Kentucky Mountain Mission for study and report to this Executive Committee.

6.—Orphanage—Kentucky

Relative to the request for authority to build an orphanage and also a recreation hall at Beverly, Kentucky, we recommend that this request be not approved.

7.—Superintendent's Report—Kentucky

We recommend that the procedure to be followed by the Superintendent of our Kentucky Mountain Mission in submitting his report to this Board, as well as the stationing of missionaries in our Kentucky Mountain Mission, be referred to the Committee on Revision of the Mission Manuals.

8.—Revised Manuals—Evangelical Missions

We recommend that the revised manuals for Evangelical Missions be printed in a combined form.

9.—Mrs. Basom Memorial—Children's Library, China

Relative to the special gift contemplated by the Woman's Missionary Society of the St. Paul's Evangelical Church, Lewisburg, Pennsylvania, in memory of the late Mrs. E. C. Basom, we record our appreciation for this plan to establish a memorial in the form of a children's library of books and recommend that the treasurer of the Missionary Society be authorized to forward this money to the China Mission as an item outside the regular budget.

10.—Request for Mission Work in Brazil

In response to the overture of the Rev. A. Wesley Archibald, under date of June 14, 1941, relative to the establishing of missionary work in Brazil by the Missionary Society of the Evangelical

Church, we recommend that in view of the present uncertainties prevailing in many areas of our missionary operations, it is in the judgment of this meeting inadvisable to assume the obligations of a new mission field at the present time.

11.—Segregating Minutes and Committee Reports

Concerning the desirability of arranging the items of the various committee reports in the minutes under the particular fields to which they relate, we recommend that the present procedure be continued without change.

12.—Proposed Constitution for a Young People's Union in the Local Church

The Missionary Society acknowledges herewith the receipt of a transcript of the action of the Board of Christian Education, to-wit:

> "The Committee on Unification of Young People's Work in the Local Church presented its report in the form of a Tentative Constitution for a Young People's Union in the Local Church. Voted that the Tentative Constitution be approved by this Board, and submitted to the Board of Missions for its approval or amending, and if and when approval is given the document be released for experimental use."

The Tentative Constitution for a Young People's Union in the Local Church was given careful study along with questions that are directly involved, effecting structural and disciplinary organizational life in the local church.

It is impossible to present this proposal to the Board of Missions until September 30, 1942, when the next session of the Board will convene at Elgin, Illinois.

We desire to call attention to the existing Inter-Board action regarding correlation in the local church, which action was the result of mutual agreement between the Boards above named. It is our conviction that the elements therein contained have not as yet been given fair trial or consideration in matters relating to the problems in point.

We are aware that this proposed constitution moves in the realm of unification and not correlation. We desire to call attention to the fact that this affects the church's structural and functional activities in the field of missions in ways other than now provided in the Discipline of the Evangelical Church.

The proposal, it appears to us, is intended to affect the organizational structure in the Local Church, which is the unit in our denominational set up. We recognize that in certain areas of the church there are problems in the field of correlation, coordination and/or unification which need most careful and sympathetic study and consideration.

We therefore, propose that this whole matter, in view of the

proposal of the Board of Christian Education, and the culminating procedure as contemplated in the proposed union of the Evangelical Church and the Church of the United Brethren in Christ, shall be given most careful study, and to this end we propose the appointment of a special committee of fourteen, seven representing the Board of Christian Education, and seven representing the Missionary Society who shall, as early as possible, make careful study of the entire problem and its implications and report to the Boards concerned, through the Executive Committees, in order that the entire matter may receive careful attention at the Biennial Sessions of these Boards prior to the General Conference in 1942.

The following committee of seven representing the Missionary Society, to cooperate with a similar committee of the Board of Christian Education re the Young People's Union in the Local Church, was appointed:

Bishop John S. Stamm
Dr. W. L. Bollman
Dr. Carl Heinmiller
Mrs. L. H. Seager
Mrs. J. S. Stamm
Mr. Edwin Heina
Bishop G. E. Epp

John S. Stamm, Chairman
Carl Heinmiller, Secretary.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PERSONNEL

Your Committee on Personnel met and took the following actions:

1.—Records of Candidates. Voted that we keep two types of records, to be known as an Active Candidate Record, for the use of the Missionary Society office, and the Committee on Personnel; the other to be a record of actions taken relative to candidates. These actions to be included in the minutes of the Executive Committee and the Board.

2.—Doctor for Africa. Voted that we record with deep regret that we have come to this Annual Meeting of the Executive Committee of the Board without having secured a doctor for our work in Africa, notwithstanding efforts to secure such a person as an addition to our present staff.

Voted further, That we make every effort to secure a doctor at the earliest possible date.

3.—Rev. and Mrs. Plowman. Voted that we authorize the sailing to Africa of Rev. and Mrs. Roscoe E. Plowman during the ensuing winter, if they can secure passports and passage.

4.—Additional Evangelistic Missionary—Africa. Voted that we send no additional evangelistic missionaries to Africa until

we have explored the possibility of sending a doctor soon.

5.—Single Lady Teacher—Africa. Voted that action on the request for a single lady teacher for Africa be deferred.

6.—Nurse—Africa. Voted that in the event we are not able to secure a doctor for our Africa Mission that we proceed to secure a nurse who will go to Africa with Rev. and Mrs. J. J. Armold when they return, or sooner.

7.—Rev. Plowman—Kenosha, Wisconsin—Italian Mission. Voted that Rev. R. E. Plowman be continued as supply pastor at the Italian Mission, Kenosha, Wisconsin, until such time as it will be necessary for him to make preparation for sailing to Africa.

8.—Rev. G. Busacca—and Kenosha Supply. The Executive Committee in Annual Session expressed its prayerful sympathy to Rev. and Mrs. G. Busacca and family because of the ill health that has come to Rev. Busacca, incapacitating him for service as our missionary in the Italian Mission at Kenosha, Wis.

We are encouraged to note the report of some improvement in Rev. Busacca's condition and prayerfully hope for a continuation of this.

Voted that Rev. Busacca's relation to the Board of Missions as missionary be continued until the next session of the Wisconsin Conference, and the matter of supplying, for the rest of the Conference year, be referred to a committee consisting of the Executive Secretary, Superintendent M. N. Berger and Bishop E. G. Epp.

9.—Resignation—Miss Joyce Plaxton—Kentucky. Voted that we accept the resignation of Miss Joyce Plaxton, with regret, and the following was adopted.

Miss Joyce Plaxton was an applicant for appointment as kindergarten teacher to Japan. Her formal application was made on February 16, 1930. The same year she was appointed to our Mission in Japan, but owing to a death in her family, was detained at home. In 1932 she was appointed educational missionary to the Kentucky Mountain Mission and has continued in that service to the date of her resignation, August 24, 1941. She resigned in order to accept appointment as a missionary to Africa under the Sudan Interior Mission.

Miss Plaxton has been a competent and faithful missionary. Her work in the school room has received high appreciation. Her personal influence and cooperative spirit together with the Christian motivation with which she met her responsibilities made her an important asset to our staff in the Kentucky Mountain Mission.

We shall follow her work in her new field and every remembrance of her will prompt a prayer for her continued usefulness as one of the King's Daughters.

10.—Miss Wilma Carty—Kentucky. Voted that we approve the emergency appointment for one year of Miss Wilma Carty,

to Jack's Creek, to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Miss Joyce Plaxton.

11.—Health Reports—Kentucky Mountain Mission Staff. Voted that in the future health reports of Dr. Harold J. Elliott, concerning the members of our staff in the Kentucky Mountain Mission, shall be general and indicate individuals only where these persons have deficiencies in health. A copy of this report is to be submitted by the Doctor to the Superintendent of the Mission.

12.—Rev. I. R. Dunlap—China Mission. Inasmuch as the developments in his local congregation, requiring his continued ministry, seemed to make it inadvisable for Rev. I. R. Dunlap to sail for China during the summer of 1941, and with the approval of the officers of the Missionary Society his sailing was deferred until the end of the conference year of Central Pennsylvania Conference, 1942, therefore

Voted, That his appointment be reaffirmed and his sailing authorized, subject to a satisfactory physical examination, at the earliest date following the session of his conference.

13.—Miss Martha K. Wolf—China. Voted that we approve the request of Miss Martha K. Wolf, R. N., for spending some time, during her furlough, in a hospital to be chosen by herself for specialized training in nursing.

14.—Dr. and Mrs. Walter P. Ulmer. Inasmuch as the Executive Committee in Annual Session is in receipt of the following communication from Dr. and Mrs. Walter P. Ulmer, dated Oct. 8, 1941:

> "It is therefore our desire to again express our very sincere regret that circumstances, which thus far have offered no alternative, prevent our return to China now. It is also our abiding hope that sometime in the future the door may again be opened for our return to that beloved field and work.
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> "We also desire to express our appreciation for the kindness, the patient understanding, and the generosity shown us by the Board of Missions, particularly in regard to this year of extended furlough. These past two years in the U. S. A. have been filled with much inward striving and conflicting problems. It has been most difficult to know what we should, and could do. We appreciate far more than these words express your sympathetic understanding and patience.
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> "May we assure you that our interest in and loyal support of the work of the China Mission will ever continue and we pray that God may richly bless and guide you in all that meets your consideration at this Executive Committee meeting."

Voted that we accept, with regret, the resignation of Dr. and Mrs. Walter P. Ulmer as missionaries to China.

15.—Miss Bertha Magness—China. Voted, That in the case of Miss Bertha Magness, who has made application for return to China as a missionary under our Board, we do not deem it advisable for her return to China at this time, because of health conditions.

The Executive Committee desires to express its appreciation to Miss Magness for her continued interest in the work in China, and that her present state of good health may be continued indefinitely.

16.—Passports—Rev. and Mrs. W. A. Bartges—To China. Voted that in the event no passports can be secured for Rev. and Mrs. Woodrow A. Bartges, that Rev. Bartges serve out his year's pastorate in the Central Pennsylvania Conference, and that the Executive Committee decide, in its February meeting, the matter of language study for both Rev. and Mrs. Bartges.

17.—Rev. H. E. Voss Communication. Voted that the communication from Rev. H. E. Voss, dated March 3, 1941, be received and filed.

18.—Return of Rev. Harvey Thede to America. Voted that we approve the return of Rev. Harvey Thede, from his field of work in Japan, and that we extend his leave of absence to the time of the Michigan Conference. Further, in the event he is not able to return to Japan, the question of his integration into his home conference, or his assignment to another conference, be referred to the Board of Bishops and the Executive Secretary for adjustment.

Voted that the usual rent allowance be made to him, and that it be made retroactive to the time his home was rented in Blue Earth, Minnesota.

19.—Dr. Susan Bauernfeind. Voted that at the expiration of the first year of leave of absence of Dr. Susan Bauernfeind, her leave be extended for an additional year.

E. W. Praetorius, Chairman
W. L. Bollman, Secretary
Mrs. C. Heinmiller, Ass't. Secretary.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PROMOTION

The Committee on Promotion met and took the following actions:

1.—Woman's Council Meeting Minutes

The Committee received the records of the Annual Meeting of the Woman's Council of the Woman's Missionary Society; found the records in good order, noted the actions taken for the promotion of its program and recommends the approval of these proceedings.

2.—Christian World Facts

Believing the distribution of the "Christian World Facts" has been beneficial in the past, it was voted that sufficient copies should be secured to circulate them among our pastors, the members of the Executive Committee and the Branch Presidents.

3.—History of Evangelical Missions

We want to express our appreciation to the Consultative Committee for the progress reported on the "History of Evangelical Missions" and hope the book may be completed at the earliest possible date so that it can be used in the studies contemplated for next year.

4.—Woman's Missionary Society

Since the Woman's Missionary Society has a large factor missionary promotion in many congregations,

a.—We urge the organization of Woman's Missionary Societies wherever an organization can be effected.

b.—We would further encourage the continued cooperation of these groups in the raising of missionary funds.

5.—Children's Day and Foreign Missions Day

a.—Realizing the value of the support of the General Church in our projects, we suggest sending a memorial to the General Conference asking the continuance of Foreign Missions Day and Children's Day for the purpose they have served in the past.

b.—Since for sixty years the churches, and especially our Sunday Schools, have so consistently and faithfully supported the Missionary Society through our Children's Day, witnessed again by the gift of $39,001.20 on Children's Day of this year, we would express appreciation for this fine support and hope that it will be continued in attaining the goals set up in the future.

c.—We would also express our appreciation to the Albright Brotherhood for their fine support of foreign missions in our churches, and invite their continued cooperation in the promotion of Foreign Missions Day.

d.—Since types of program materials have changed considerably in recent years, we recommend that the Executive Secretary make a study of the program material needs of our church constituency for Children's Day and Foreign Missions Day, through the use of a questionnaire and report to the Executive Committee at its next meeting.

6.—Stewardship Emphasis

a.—As an extension of the emphasis of stewardship year, three stewardship conference will be held this fall as follows:

Richmond, Virginia ....November 17-18
Cincinnati, Ohio .....November 24-25
Harrisburg, Pa. .....November 28-30

We would urge leaders in the church to attend these conferences and thus avail themselves of their helpfulness.

b.—To make stewardship material more readily available to all churches, we recommend reducing the price of the stewardship materials now on hand in the Field Secretary's office.

c.—Being impressed by the value of a leaflet on the tithe presented by the Field Secretary, we recommend the publication of 10,000 copies of the leaflet to be sold at 75c per hundred.

7.—Visual Aids

Realizing the value of visual aids in missionary promotion, we recommend that the Field Secretary continue his study of visual aids and present a report of his findings from time to time.

8.—Prayer Service Topic Folders

Feeling the missionary prayer service topic folders still fill a definite need, we recommend that their publication be continued and that the Field Secretary be requested to provide for a devotional treatment of these topics in the church press.

9.—Conference Missions Emphasis

Because of the Conference Missions Emphasis during next year, we recommend that the church press consider the publication of a Conference Missions issue and that they be requested to publish a series of articles on Conference Missions.

10.—Missionary Lending Library Bibliography

In answer to the suggestion that the date of the publication of a book has value in a bibliography, we recommend that when a new bibliography of the Missionary Lending Library is published these dates be included.

11.—Books for Overseas Missionaries

Realizing that it is difficult for missionaries to obtain the newer books to read, it was voted that the Field Secretary prepare a list of books of especial interest to our missionaries overseas to be presented to the next Executive Committee meeting, and further that he be authorized to send such books as are approved by the Executive Committee to these missionaries.

12.—Pamphlet on World Needs

a.—Since there are still many doors open throughout the world, though many people feel all doors have been closed, it was recommended that the Field Secretary be requested to prepare and publish a pamphlet setting forth these present world needs and the importance of giving to others.

b.—That the church press by requested to publish a series of articles setting forth world needs.

13.—Executive Committee Meeting Dates

Lacking wisdom necessary to solve this weighty problem we refer the dates for the 1942-1943 Executive Committee meetings to the Executive Committee.

14.—World-Wide Communion Sunday

Because of the appreciation expressed for materials sent out for the World Wide Communion Sunday, it was recommended that similar materials be sent to our pastors next year, and that these again be prepared in cooperation with the Commission on Evangelism.

15.—Reports of Superintendents of Our Mission Fields

Regarding the reports of the Superintendents of our mission fields we wish to express our warmest appreciation for the encouraging and enlightening reports they have sent; we recommend that these reports be published in the Year Book; and that the editors of our church press be requested to make resumes of these reports to be published in the church periodicals.

16.—Support from the Church Press

It was voted that we express our sincere thanks and appreciation to the editors of the *Evangelical Messenger, Der Christliche Botschafter,* the *Evangelical Crusader,* the *Evangelical Missionary World,* and the Sunday School literature for their generous support of the missionary enterprise of the church through the columns of their periodicals.

Respectfully submitted,

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